

American Legion Riders of Colorado

Constitution

PREAMBLE

For God and Country we associate ourselves together For the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States 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 all 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 goodwill on earth; To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness. To participate in parades and other ceremonies which are in keeping with the aims and purposes of the American Legion, and to promote motorcycle safety.

I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the American Legion Riders of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as the "Riders".

II. NATURE

- 1. The Riders are a civilian organization. Membership therein does not affect, nor increase liability for military or police service.
- 2. The Riders shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person or group seeking public office or preferment.
- 3. The Riders shall be absolutely non-sectarian.
- 4. Each member shall perform his full duty as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding, in accord with the law.

III. ORGANIZATION

- 1. The Riders are organized as a standing committee and a program of and under the sponsorship and jurisdiction of The Department of Colorado, The American Legion. Rider programs are a standing committee and a program of the Post.
- 2. The Riders shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committee (NEC) of The American Legion, and by the Department of Colorado Executive Committee (DEC).
- 3. The Riders are accountable to The State American Legion Riders Executive Committee (State ALREC), annually appointed by the Department Commander and ratified by The

- American Legion Department of Colorado Executive Committee (DEC).
- 4. The State ALREC shall hold regularly scheduled Riders conferences and conventions at the same time and place as The American Legion, Department of Colorado conferences and conventions.
 - a. Any action taken at Riders meetings shall be subject to review and approval of the State ALREC.
- 5. All activities within the Riders or Post Programs shall be approved by their respective governing body.

IV. STATE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1. Appointment of Officers. The appointed officers of the State ALREC shall consist of the State Chairman, Immediate Past State Chairman, State Vice Chairman, State ALR Secretary and Area Coordinators.
- 2. Any State ALREC officer except the State Chair may be removed from office for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the State ALREC members attending. If the vote pertains to the removal of the State Chair, removal is by two-thirds (2/3) majority voting during a joint meeting of State ALREC and the ALR Presidents or their designated representative. The vacancy would then be filled by the State ALREC. Removals and appointments are subject to the approval of Department Commander.
- 3. The State ALREC, without meeting physically, may conduct business by telephone, email, mail, or other suitable method of communication on matters of urgency not involving new policy that cannot be delayed until the next regular meeting of said State ALREC.
- 4. Any actions taken by the State ALREC shall be subject to review and approval by the Department Commander and the DEC.

V. OFFICERS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. ALR State Chair:

- The State Chair is appointed by the Department Commander in accordance with Department Constitution and By-Laws.
- The State Chair shall be the Executive Head of the American Legion Riders, and will have full authority to enforce the provisions of the Constitution & By Laws as well as the policies and mandates of the NEC of The American Legion, and the Colorado DEC with fair and just due process per Articles X, XI and XII of this document.
- In fulfillment of his role as State Chair, he/she shall also be responsible for promoting the American Legion Riders Programs with Posts and assisting in the formulation of new Programs by enlisting the aid of the Area Coordinators.
- The State Chair will also serve as the liaison to the DEC and the Department Commander.

2. ALR State Vice-Chair:

- The ALR State Vice Chair is appointed by the State Chair with the approval of the Department Commander.
- This position is filled by the individual appointed as the next ALR State Chair. The Vice Chairman is expected to learn from the State Chairman all duties and responsibilities that are expected of a State Chairman until such time as the Vice Chair succeeds to the State Chair position.

- 3. ALR State Secretary
 - At the discretion of the Department ALR State Chair, an ALR State Secretary may be appointed to assist with minutes publication and other administrative processes as required. The ALR Secretary is not a voting member of the State ALREC
- 4. ALR Area Coordinators:
 - Area Coordinators are active ALR members nominated by the ALR State Chair and approved by the Department Commander.
 - Serves as a member of the committee of The American Legion Riders; assists in the development and implementation of the mission, goals, principles, strategic direction, and evaluation of Riders Programs to ensure motorcycle safety and support to The American Legion Family.
 - Serves as American Legion Riders liaison with the State Committee Chairman, District leadership and the DEC.
 - Assists the Post programs with any events, fundraisers or issues that may arise.
 - Provide Area Coordinator Reports to the State Chairman on an annual basis, reports are due no later than two weeks prior to Department Convention. These reports should cover membership numbers in your prospective areas; hours volunteered, miles ridden; and monies donated to support of the aims and purposes of The American Legion.
 - Ensures that communication from the State ALREC and DEC is being delivered to the Post programs in a timely manner so that the Post program can support and assist at any time that they may be called upon.
 - Area Coordinators are expected to attend individual Post ALR meetings at least once per year, so they are familiar with the ALR program and the ALR Program is familiar with their Area Coordinator. Participation in other Post ALR events throughout your District and the State is highly encouraged. This participation creates unity and a sense of purpose.
 - Maintain contact with all Post ALRs in their District via email, social media, District
 meetings, or phone/text to ensure communication about events within their area and with
 other areas throughout the state. Strong communication is key to a successful Post ALR,
 Area, and State.

VI. ALR ELIGIBILITY

- 1. The requirements for regular membership in the American Legion Riders of Colorado shall maintain alignment with national resolution, Department of Colorado Constitution and By-Laws and Colorado State law, specifically;
 - a. All members of the ALR shall be current members of The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary.
 - b. Each ALR member shall establish and maintain ALR membership by owning, individually or through marriage, a common-law marriage, a life partnership or a long-term relationship, a motorcycle licensed and insured as required by the ALR member's state laws. Motorcycle operators must maintain a motorcycle endorsement consistent with the laws and requirements of the state of Colorado.
 - c. ALR programs may allow for continued ALR membership for those ALR members who have given up motorcycle ownership or are otherwise unable to participate in motorcycle operation because of age, illness, injury, military duty or other reasons outside the ALR member's control.

- 2. Programs, after careful consideration, may establish special class(es) of members who do not meet or no longer meet requirement 1[b].
 - a. Special class members (i.e. ALR Supporters, Junior Supporters, Future Riders) shall not be able to wear the ALR back patch. The Future Rider patch may be worn.
 - b. Criteria should be delineated in Post ALR Constitution and By-Laws to accommodate ALR Retired Status. Normally, Seven (7) years total active ALR Participation, or Five (5) years total active participation including two (2) years elected office, is required for an individual to request retired status. Exceptions to participation duration due to age or health shall be accommodated in Post ALR guidelines. Members in ALR Retired status may continue to wear the ALR back patch.
 - c. For Adult special class members, the allowable participation level, ability to hold office not requiring operation of a motorcycle, and ability to vote will be determined by each ALR program and delineated in each individual ALR Constitution and By-Laws. For the purposes of this Constitution and By-Laws, the elected offices of ALR President, Vice President, Sergeant at Arms and Road Captain require operation of a motorcycle.
- 3. There shall be no "waiting" or "probationary" period to ascertain eligibility. ALR Programs are responsible for training/orientation recognition and patch presentation in accordance with Post and ALR Constitution and By-Laws and internal guidelines.
- 4. Any ALR member in any program of The American Legion Riders within the geographical state of Colorado is a member of the Riders of Colorado and recognized as such by each individual ALR program.

VII. ALR POST PROGRAMS

- Post Programs of the Riders shall be organized under the jurisdiction of the local Posts of The American Legion. Each Program exists through sponsorship of the individual Post of The American Legion and is subject to such rules, regulations and supervision as shall be created by the sponsoring Post not in conflict with rules and regulations established by the State ALREC.
- 2. All the Programs of the Riders, shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the NEC of The American Legion, and by such further rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the State ALREC and ratified by the DEC of The American Legion, Department of Colorado.
- 3. Application to form a Post Program of the American Legion Riders shall be by a Post Commander of The American Legion in the area in which the Program will exist. Upon the Post Commander's approval, the application shall be forwarded to the Riders then Department for final approval and issuance of charter.
- 4. The minimum number of members for forming a Program of the Riders shall be three (3) President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer.
- 5. There shall be only one (1) ALR Program per Post.
- 6. Programs shall be assigned the same number as their sponsoring Post (i.e. ALR Post 5 / Post 5). For communications, ALR Programs may be shortened to ALR and number (i.e. ALR5)
- 7. Each ALR program shall establish a Constitution and By-Laws. Once established and whenever updated, Constitution and By-Laws shall be provided to State ALR Chair via their Area Coordinator.

- 8. Each Program shall elect and install officers in accordance with their Constitution and By-Laws and report these officers to their Area Coordinator after elections are complete and not less than twenty (20) days prior to the Annual meeting.
- 9. Each Program shall be the judge of its own membership.
- 10. The amount of annual Program dues shall be determined by each ALR Program after consult with the sponsoring American Legion Post.
- 11. Rider proficiency training as well as appropriate safety inspection processes and intervals shall be incorporated into the ALR program guidelines.
- 12. The ALR program's sponsoring organization (post, district and/or department) are strongly urged to review liability insurance coverage to ensure that adequate insurance coverage is available to insure/cover the sponsoring organization, including insurance coverage for any specific special riding event.
- 13. Per NEC Resolution No. 37, May 4-5, 1988 Post ALR Programs or ALR individual members on behalf of the ALR do not have the authority to enter into any formal association or club/council membership with any outside organization that may act or vote in any manner outside the control of The American Legion.

VIII. ALR POST PROGRAM OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1. In order for a chartered Program to remain viable the following requirements must be met:
 - a. Programs must maintain a minimum of three members.
 - b. Post charters must remain active in order to retain a Post ALR program.
 - c. Programs must submit an officer roster to their Area Coordinator following annual elections, even if the elections result produces no changes in officers.
 - d. ALR President or designated representative shall attend at least one of the two annual ALR meetings (Mid-year or Department Convention).
 - e. Program must submit an annual Consolidated ALR Report detailing the Program activities for the Legion Year (Number of members, total volunteer hours, total miles ridden/driven, and monies donated). Reports are submitted to the Area Coordinator and Department ALR State Chair with a copy to the Post Adjutant.
 - f. Failure to comply with these requirements can result in their ALR Program being placed on probation.
- 2. Posts shall voluntarily relinquish their ALR Charter in the event membership minimums cannot be met or dissolution of the Post charter occurs.

IX. DISCIPLINE

The State ALREC of Colorado, may suspend or revoke the charter of any Program of the American Legion Riders in the Department of Colorado which violates its Constitution and By-Laws, or take such other disciplinary measures as may be for the benefit of the Program, Area, or the organization as a whole. Any action taken is subject to review and agreement of the DEC.

X. ALR PROGRAM PROBATION

The Post and the ALR Program are ultimately responsible for ensuring compliance and alignment of ALR with Post programs and the four pillars of The American Legion. A Post may suspend the charter of its ALR program at any time for a variety of reasons, which allows for an operational pause and provide time to remedy any issues. The Area Coordinator for the area in which the Post resides can provide assistance to the post as required. Once

remedied, the Post can then reinstate their ALR Program. Only in the event that the Post is unable to manage the ALR shall the State ALREC begin implementation of probationary procedures. Probationary procedures are meant to identify needs and assemble the necessary resources to aid and assist the Post with resolving issues with their ALR program.

- 1. Any Program that fails to meet its operational requirements will be notified and may be placed on probation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State ALREC.
- 2. Program will be given 30 days' notice in writing of the violation(s)/issue(s) as well as the actions needed to resolve and/or rectify them in order to avoid being placed on probation (Probation Notice).
- 3. ALR program President or Post Commander should communicate any extenuating circumstances preventing compliance to the ALR State Chair immediately upon receipt of the Probation Notice.
- 4. The ALR State Chair will initiate probation review by the State ALREC at the end of the 30-day notice and resolution period.
- 5. If resolution has not been reached, the final decision to place a Program on probation by 2/3 vote will be communicated in writing to the ALR Post President, Post Commander, Area Coordinator, District Commander, Department Adjutant and the Department Commander.
- 6. Once placed on probation a Post ALR will have 90 days to correct the noted violations/issues. The Area Coordinator for the area in which the program resides will be assigned responsibility for assembling any assistance requested by the Post to help the ALR with the resolution process.
- 7. If after 90 days the Post ALR is still not in compliance, a recommendation to revoke the ALR Post Charter will be forwarded to the State ALREC for review.

XI. ALR CHARTER REVOCATION

- 1. The ALR State Chair will initiate a review for charter revocation of ALR Programs on probation that fail to correct pending issues within the 90-day probationary period.
- 2. This review will be conducted at a meeting of the State ALREC and Post ALR Presidents.
- 3. Any decision to revoke a Program Charter will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State ALREC and Post ALR Presidents present at the meeting.
- 4. The President; Sponsoring Post Commander; and any Post ALR member in good standing with the Post ALR under review will be permitted to address the State ALREC and the ALR Post Presidents during the deliberation process.
- 5. If a decision is made to revoke a Post ALR Charter that decision will be communicated in writing to the ALR Post President, Post Commander, Area Coordinator, District Commander, Department Adjutant, and Department Commander.
- 6. The ALR State Chair shall also brief the DEC on any revocation actions.
- 7. Any revocation action must be approved by the ALREC.
- 8. The Post program will have ten (10) days to file an appeal to the DEC.
- 9. Emergency Revocation:
 - a. Under extenuating or egregious circumstances, the ALR Executive Committee and Post ALR Presidents (or designated Post ALR representatives), in consultation with the Department Commander, the Department Adjutant and Department Judge Advocate, may implement Post ALR charter revocation without prior probationary measures or DEC approval with a Two-thirds vote. This action must be presented to

- and reviewed by the DEC for concurrence at the next available opportunity.
- b. Extenuating or egregious circumstances can include, but are not limited to:
 - 1) Situations or incidents which place The American Legion and/or The American Legion Riders at risk due to misconduct by a Post ALR program as a unit and which are not resolved at the Post level.
 - 2) The failure of a Post or ALR program to take appropriate action, in accordance with Post, ALR Program, State ALR or Department Constitution and By-Laws, against individual member(s) who engage in conduct unbecoming a Legionnaire, Auxiliary or SAL member, and which creates situations or incidents that bring disgrace upon The American Legion and/or The American Legion Riders.
- c. Notification of impending revocation under these circumstances shall be provided no less than five (5) days prior to the meeting established for revocation review. The notice involving revocation review shall be sent with invite to all parties to include the Post program being reviewed, ALR Executive Committee, Post ALR Presidents, Department Commander, Department Adjutant, and Department Judge Advocate.
- d. In the event of revocation under these circumstances, the Post will have ten (10) days to file an appeal to the DEC.

XII. ALR PROGRAM REINSTATEMENT

- 1. A Program that has had its charter revoked may apply for reinstatement once all operational requirements have been met and the sponsoring Post has approved its reinstatement.
- 2. The ALR State Chair will forward all requests for reinstatement to the State ALREC for review and deliberation.
- 3. The Executive Committee will have 60 days to review and approve/disapprove any application for reinstatement.
- 4. A two-thirds vote of the State ALREC and ALR Presidents will be required to reinstate a revoked Program.
- 5. The final decision on an application for reinstatement will be communicated in writing to the Program President, Post Commander, Area Coordinator, District Commander, Department Adjutant, and Department Commander.
- 6. The ALR State Chairman shall brief the DEC of any reinstatement actions.

XIII. ALR PROGRAMS

- 1. Application for formation of a Legion Riders Post charter will be in letter format and given to the American Legion Department Commander for consideration and approval and forwarding to the Department Adjutant to attest and file.
- 2. Each Riders Program of the American Legion Riders shall carry the same numeric designation as the hosting American Legion Post.
- 3. Rider programs may elect officers from and among their members. Titles, duties and terms of office shall generally conform to those of the Program organizations.
- 4. Rider areas shall be established and may be modified over time to account for changes as a result of the establishment or disestablishment of ride programs.
 - a. The purpose of the Riders Area is help organize, coordinate and promote the overall programs in their area through common efforts.
 - b. An Area Coordinator shall be appointed to fulfill the responsibilities of the Rider's Area.

c. Area Coordinator appointments shall be accomplished with the inputs of the ALR Presidents of programs within the defined area.

XIV. ALR POST CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Each Post ALR shall adopt a Constitution and By-Laws. In the formation of such, there shall be no conflict with any provision of this document governing the American Legion Riders of Colorado, Department of Colorado Constitution and By-Laws or National Resolution.

XV. UNIFORM

- 1. The uniform for the American Legion Riders of Colorado shall be a black or brown vest, The American Legion Riders Back Patch, configured as put forth by the Founding members, shall be the dominant feature of the back of the vest upon which it is worn.
- 2. If hats are to be worn as part of the Post ALR uniform, they should consist of a military service ball cap, American Legion/Sons of the American Legion/Auxiliary Cap or ballcap, American Legion Riders ball cap, or the American Legion Riders Beret.
- 3. All American Legion emblems worn shall be properly authorized under licensing and trademark guidelines.
- 4. While riding, the appropriate laws of the State in which you ride shall govern head and safety gear use.
- 5. The wearing and display of ALR patches and logos on the ALR uniform, the vest, have been negotiated with other organizations within Colorado in order to keep conflicts with other organizations to a minimum. ALR Family members safety is our top priority. Failure to comply with those terms will place members in possible danger and possible revocation of the Charter issued to the Post program.
 - a. No other patch, tab, rocker, text, background art or color will be above the back patch. **There will be no rockers of any size above, below, or on the back patch or the vest.** The back patch should be centered on the vest. {Suggest 4-6" from top of collar}
- 6. All ALR members shall maintain the image of The American Legion, protect The American Legion's Emblems, which symbolizes the integrity and principles of The American Legion and if wearing Emblem items then the Emblem items will be American Legion authorized Emblems.
- 7. ALR members' vests should display the integrity, principles and values of The American Legion and the ALR by avoiding patches or pins with (1) scatology, explicit or offensive language and/or images and (2) political or partisan language and/or images since The American Legion is a non-partisan organization.
- 8. Refer to APPENDIX A for specific guidelines for wearing of the American Legion emblems and patch arrangement on vests. The wear of any additional patches in addition to what is stipulated in APPENDIX A shall be within the guidance above and as determined by each respective ALR Program and incorporated in their Constitution and By-Laws. Placement of additional patches must adhere to the requirements outlined in APPENDIX A.

XVI. FINANCES

1. The revenue of the Riders shall be derived from annual membership dues and from other sources as may be approved by Post ALR Executive Committee and in accordance with the Post and ALR program Constitution and By-Laws.

- 2. The amount of such annual dues shall be fixed by the Post ALR Program with dues payable in accordance with the Post and ALR Program Constitution and By-Laws.
- 3. A member whose status is classed as delinquent for lack of dues payment or activity shall be processed for suspension in accordance with the Post and ALR program Constitution and By-Laws., While suspended, his/her membership in the American Legion Riders shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been forfeited, may be reinstated to active membership in good standing in accordance with the Post and ALR program Constitution and By-Laws.

XVII. AMENDMENTS

- 1. This Constitution is adopted, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Legion, Department of Colorado of which the Riders is a. Standing Committee. Any amendment to the Department Constitution and By-Laws, which is in conflict with any provision hereof, shall be regarded as automatically repealing or amending the provisions of this Constitution to the resolution of such conflict.
- 2. This Constitution may be amended at the Annual Convention by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the State ALREC delegates attending, provided the proposed amendment(s) have been submitted to the Riders in writing sixty (60) days prior to the opening of such Annual Meeting and provided to all Programs/Areas for their review a minimum of forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- 3. Approved amendments shall subsequently be submitted without delay to the Committee for consideration and modification and/or approval and thence to the Department of Colorado Executive Committee for final approval prior to any implementing action on the part of the Riders.

PROPOSED STATE CBL TO REPLACE COLORADO ALR RULES AND GUIDELINES. ALR CBL PRESENTED TO MEMBERSHIP 03/31/21 ORIGINAL DOCUMENT ADOPTED 12/11/21, REVIEWED BY DEPT 12/11/21, APPROVED BY DEC 12/11/21.

BY-LAWS

I. MEETINGS

- 1. The procedure at all ALR Post, Area, and State ALR meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order (Revised).
- 2. A quorum shall be considered present for a Post ALR meeting when requirements are met in accordance with Post ALR Program Constitution and By-Laws.

II. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

- 1. Elections for offices shall be held in accordance with their ALR Post CBLs
- 2. Each Program will have a minimum of three (3) members, President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer

III. POST ALR PROGRAM OFFICER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. President: The President shall have general supervision over the Post ALR Program. The President shall endeavor in all ways to promote membership and participation on the programs in the American Legion Riders of Colorado, the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion. The President shall preside at all Post ALR Program meetings. The President will not have a valid vote at ALR Post meetings except in the event of a tie. The President is responsible for attendance at and running of Post ALR Executive Committee and Membership Meetings, as well as other duties as assigned in the Post ALR Constitution and By-Laws. If unable to attend a Department ALR meeting, the President shall notify the Department State ALR Chair and Area Coordinator and designate the alternative delegate for the meeting.
- 2. <u>Vice President</u>: The Vice President shall be responsible for membership. He/she shall directly represent the President on all matters referred to him/her and shall, upon request, preside over meetings. He/she shall act as the President in his/her absence both within the Post ALR Program and externally to Area and Department ALR. The Vice President will be in charge of recruitment of new members into the Riders Program. The Vice President is responsible for attendance at Post ALR Executive Committee and Membership Meetings, as well as other duties as assigned in the Post ALR Constitution and By-Laws. The Vice President is the primary alternate delegate for Department ALR meetings and functions in the event the President is unable to attend.
- 3. Secretary: The Secretary shall be charged with the administrative duties of keeping an accurate record of all ALR meetings. The secretary will maintain a current list of member's names, and contact information to include renewals, and new membership as well as verification of each member's current American Legion, AUX, and SAL membership status. Minutes will be provided to the ALR President and read at the monthly meetings unless prescribed otherwise by the ALR President or membership. The Secretary is responsible for attendance at Post ALR Executive Committee and Membership Meetings, as well as other duties as assigned in the Post ALR Constitution and By-Laws.
- 4. <u>Treasurer</u>: The Treasurer shall faithfully keep all monies for the Post ALR coming into his/her hands and account therefore; and shall keep such books and records as are necessary and proper in the performance of their duties. The Treasurer shall disburse funds as directed by the ALR membership. The Treasurer will provide a detailed and legible financial report at each general membership meeting and Executive Committee meeting. It is required that the Treasurer attend all general meetings and Executive

- Committee meetings. The Treasurer shall provide a monthly finance report in writing to the Post Finance Officer and as otherwise directed by the Post Commander or Post Adjutant.
- 5. <u>Sergeant-at-Arms</u>: The Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA) will assist the ALR President to ensure that all the rules of the ALR are enforced at all meetings and functions. The SAA is responsible for guest and member attendance/introductions and shall also have the right to bring immediate Post ALR Executive action upon violation of the American Legion Riders of Colorado, Post or ALR Program Constitution and By-Laws.
- 6. <u>Road Captain</u>: The Road Captain will be responsible for all ride planning and is in charge of group rides. The Road Captain is responsible for leadership and all safety aspects of a Post ALR Program, to include pre-ride safety briefs, rider training, Road Lieutenant appointments and training, rider discipline, and group ride discipline
- 7. Other recognized positions: Road Lt, Chaplain, Historian, Communications, Logistics, Honor Guard Captain, Color Guard Captain, Judge Advocate or other positions as determined by Post ALR Program and defined in the Post ALR Program Constitution and By-Laws.

IV. AMENDMENTS

- These Bylaws are adopted, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Legion, Department of Colorado. Any amendment to the Department Constitution and By-Laws, which is in conflict with any provision hereof, shall be regarded as automatically repealed or modifying the provisions of these Bylaws to the extent of such conflict.
- 2. These Bylaws may be amended at the Annual Convention by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the delegates attending, provided the proposed amendment(s) have been submitted to the Riders in writing sixty (60) days prior to the opening of such Annual\Meeting and provided to all Programs/Areas for their review a minimum of forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual Meeting.
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APPENDIX A

Wearing of American Legion Emblem

Section 1. The American Legion Riders back patch, (small version, no additional printing) as copyrighted and licensed by The American Legion's Emblem Sales division and a specially authorized version of that patch exclusive to Colorado are the only approved back patches for Colorado ALR uniforms, the vest.

Section 2. Department standards and specifications for patch sales will be on file with Emblem Sales.

Section 3. There will be no Post name, number or location, (city, county, district or state) on the back Patch in Colorado.

Section 4. No other patch, tab, rocker, text, background art or color will be above the back patch. **There will be no rockers of any size above, below, or on the back patch or the vest**. The back patch should be centered on the vest. {Suggest 4-6" from top of collar}

Section 5. Nowhere on the front or back of the uniform, the vest, should any city, county, district or state be spelled out.

Section 6. The front 5 organizational patches and ALR back patch are to be in standard positions on the vest as outlined and depicted in the picture below.

Section 7. The front 5 organizational patches shall consist of the following: American flag, Legion Family affiliation (TAL, AUX, SAL), Post #, Colorado Flag Patch and POW/MIA patch. An Officer tab (e.g. President, Vice President, etc.) is recommended. Officers other than President or Vice President are optional. Nothing shall be above the American Flag Patch on the front of the vest out of respect for the flag.

Section 8. Vulgarity, scatology, profanity, implied profanity, provocative verbiage and imagery, or political affiliation shall not be displayed on any item simultaneously bearing the ALR of Colorado emblem or an emblem of The American Legion.

- American Legion Family Affiliation patch top right. 4"
- Post patch right side below affiliation patch.
- Colorado State patch right side.3"x5"
- The word "COLORADO" CANNOT be on the vest.
- American Legion Riders back patch centered with no other patch above it.
- No other patch may touch the ALR back patch.
- NO ROCKERS ON THE VEST





- US Flag Top left with no other item above it. 3"x5"
- Optional Officer patch under US Flag.
- POW/MIA patch left side