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DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA**

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Constitution

American Legion Riders

Department of Oklahoma

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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 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 good will 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.

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be Oklahoma American Legion Riders
The American Legion, Department of Oklahoma.

Article II

Objects

The objects and purposes of this organization shall be to promote the principles and policies as set forth in the foregoing preamble, The National and Oklahoma Department American Legion Constitutions.

Article III

Allegiance

Section 1 The Oklahoma American Legion Riders is a Program of The American Legion, Department of Oklahoma. The Riders shall be governed by this

Constitution and By-Laws, the Oklahoma Department Constitution and By-Laws, the American Legion National Constitution and By-Laws, and therefore the National Constitution and By-Laws is the supreme law of the Program.

Section 2 That American Legion National Headquarters and the respective departments shall maintain general oversight of the American Legion Riders program regarding to proper use of the Emblems of The American Legion, the American Legion Riders and the American Legion Legacy Run and to ensure compliance with the American Legion National Constitution and National By-Laws (NEC Resolution 5, May 5-6, 2021)

**Article IV
Nature**

Section 1 The Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program shall provide a framework to assist in the forming of new local chapters of The American Legion Riders. Local chapters must be “sponsored” or “hosted” by an individual American Legion Post. The American Legion Riders is a National, Department and Post level program only, and each local Chapter shall have a Constitution & Bylaws approved by the local Chapter which shall not go into effects until approved by The American Legion Riders Department Executive Committee and The American Legion Department Executive Committee.

Section 2 The American Legion, Department of Oklahoma, Riders Program is organized as a civilian motorcycle association.

Section 3 Membership in the American Legion Riders Program does not affect or increase liability for military or police service.

Section 4 This organization shall be nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles or for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

Section 5 Rank does not exist in The American Legion; no member shall be addressed by his or her military title in any meeting of the Riders Program.

Section 6 The American Legion Riders participate in parades and other ceremonies that are in keeping with the Aims and Purposes of The American Legion.

Section 7 The American Legion Riders promotes motorcycle safety programs.

- Section 8 American Legion Riders provide a social atmosphere for The American Legion (and “Legion Family”) members, who share a common interest in motorcycling.
- Section 9 The American Legion Riders will also promote and support other programs of The American Legion.

Article V
Eligibility and Membership

- Section 1 Membership in the Oklahoma American Legion Riders shall be available to any member in good standing of The American Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion organizations that also owns a properly registered insured, highway motorcycle.
- Section 2 The legal (or surviving) spouse of a member in good standing will also be eligible for membership – provided the spouse meets the Legion Family membership requirement outlined in Section 1 of this Article.
- Section 3 Similar to the other “Legion Family” organizations, members may only hold a membership in one (1) Chapter of The American Legion Riders, at any given time.
- Section 4 There shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership. There are no national or department dues.
- Section 5 American Legion Riders of Oklahoma “Supporters” are authorized (NEC Resolution 5 (May 5-6, 2021). Supporters can be nominated at the Chapter level. These nominations are to recognize members of the American Legion Family who have contributed greatly to furthering the OKALR Program.
- a. Nominees must be members in good standing with the American Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion.
 - b. The Supporter recognition does not imply full membership in the Chapter but is intended for those who have provided strong support of the Chapter.
 - c. All articles of clothing worn by Chapter Supporters bearing the ALR emblem must contain the word “Supporter”.
 - d. Chapter Support 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.
 - e. All nominations will be reported to the Department of Oklahoma Adjutant, Judge Advocate and ALR Director.

Section 6 As amended by NEC Resolution 5 (May 5-6, 2021), 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.

Article VI Officers

- Section 1 The administrative affairs of American Legion Riders Program shall, except as may be otherwise provided by the By-Laws, be under the supervision of an Executive Committee which shall consist of not less than three, and not more than six members in addition to the Officers of the Program. The term of office of members of the Executive Committee shall be for one year. The Program By-Laws may provide for such other standing Committees as the business of the Program may require.
- Section 2 The Officers of this Program shall be a Director, a Vice Director, an Adjutant, a Finance Officer, a Program Historian a Program Chaplain, Program Service Officer and a Sergeant –at-Arms, and such other Officers as may be deemed necessary by the Program. The Director, The Vice Director, the Sergeant-at- Arms, and the Executive Committee shall be elected from the floor at the Department Annual Convention.
- Section 3 The Director, Vice-Director, the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Executive Committee shall be elected annually, they shall hold office for one year or until their successors are duly installed or as otherwise provided in the By-Laws.
- Section 4 All electees/appointees may serve multiple terms in office, except for the Director – he/she may not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms (he/she may serve again after being out of the office of Director for at least two (2) consecutive terms).
- Section 5 All other Officers, Committees, or groups shall be nominated for appointment by the Director and be confirmed by the Program.
- Section 6 Any Officer or Executive Committee member may be removed for disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty or conduct unbecoming a member of The American Legion, by the Executive Committee, a three-fourths vote of said Committee being necessary to affect such removal.

(Inefficiency is defined as non-attendance of three consecutive meetings or lack of reasonable performance over a reasonable period of time, which is not in the best interest of the Program.)

- Section 7 Every member of this Program in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in this Program.
- Section 8 Any American Legion Riders member who is or becomes an Officer in another Motorcycle Association (M.A.) or an Officer in a Motorcycle Club (M.C.) or one of their support organizations cannot be an American Legion Riders State or Chapter officer.
- Section 9 The duties of Officers and the Executive Committee shall be those usually appertaining to such Officers or Committees, as further provided in the By-Laws.
- Section 10 The Department Commander will appoint a Consultant to act as a liaison between the American Legion Riders Program and The American Legion, Department of Oklahoma.

Article VII Local Chapters

- Section 1 The local Chapters shall be formed as a program of the local Post, which shall have a minimum membership of two (2).
- Section 2 Those of the Post who desire to form a local Chapter shall submit to their local Post an application to be local American Legion Riders Program of the Post, said local Chapter shall be deemed formed.
- Section 3 Each local Chapter shall have a Chapter Constitution and Bylaws, which together with any subsequent amendments shall be approved by the local Post, the American Legion Riders Department Executive Committee, and the American Legion Department Executive Committee before becoming effective.
- Section 4 The American Legion Department Executive may at any time prescribe such further provision as it deemed upon forthwith adopt the additional provisions so prescribed.
- Section 5 Local Chapters may be revoked, cancelled, or suspended by the local Post and/or The American Legion Department Executive Committee.
- Section 6 No local Chapter shall be named after any living person.

Article VIII
Amendment and Approval

- Section 1 This Constitution may only be amended at the Department annual meeting of the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program by a two third (2/3) vote of the total membership present, provide that the proposed amendment has been submitted to The American Legion Riders Department Program Adjutant, Program Vice-Director and Program Director and The American Legion Department Judge Advocate in writing, with proof of mailing, not less than thirty days prior to the annual convention meeting and transmitted with proof of transmittal electronically to the individual chapters not less fifteen (15) days prior meeting.
- Section 2 Further this constitution may be amended at the annual meeting, without notice, by unanimous vote of those present, provided a quorum is met to conduct business.
- Section 3 No amendment to this Constitution shall be introduced which shall be contrary to the spirit and policy of The American Legion.
- Section 4 This Constitution shall take at the conclusion of the annual Department convention were adopted and/ or amended, but not being first approved by the American Legion Riders Department Executive Committee and The American Legion Department Executive Committee.
- Section 5 Any amendments to this Constitution shall not become effective until first submitted to The American Legion Department Executive for signature, date, filing, and approved.

Article IX
Penalties & Discipline

- Section 1 Any Officer, Committee Member, or Program Member may be removed for just cause.
- Section 2 After a fair and impartial hearing, a member may be expelled or suspended from the American Legion Riders Program by a majority of the general membership at a regular or special meeting for disloyalty,

dishonesty, and conduct unbecoming of a member of the American Legion Riders or their affiliated organization.

- Section 3 The allegedly offending member must be notified in writing of the action at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting, at which vote will be taken.
- Section 4 Suspension – temporary measure, suspended members may attend function but will not be authorized to wear American Legion Riders insignia.
- Section 5 Expulsion – permanent measures, The American Legion Department of Oklahoma and The American Legion Headquarters will be advised. The former members will be advised that he/she is no longer authorized to wear American Legion Riders insignia would no longer be a member of the American Legion Riders Program.

Article X Finances

- Section 1 Since each officer and committee member of the Oklahoma American Legion will also be a “dues-paying” member of a local post supported chapter, there will be no dues collected from these individuals.
- Section 2 The local chapters will assemble an annual American Legion Riders Department of Oklahoma Consolidated Chapter Report available on the Department Website. Said report will be submitted to the sponsoring Post and Department Headquarters annually, no later than the June 15th.

Article XI Parliamentary Authority

- Section 1 The Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program shall be governed by “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised” on all points not covered in this Constitution.
- Section 2 It is important to realize that although the members of this associating come from all components of the “American Legion Family” – each member has the right to be heard and respect will be equally afforded to all.

American Legion Riders Program

Department of Oklahoma

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Article I

Membership

There are two requirements for membership in the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program.

- a. Must be a current member of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion.

- b. American Legion Riders program may allow for continued membership for those members who have given up motorcycle ownership because of age, illness, injury, or other reasons outside the member's control.

Article II

Management

- Section 1 The government and management of the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program is entrusted to eleven (11) members, to be known as Executive Committeeman to the "Program Executive Committee".
- Section 2 The Executive Committee shall consist of the Program Director, Program Vice-Director, Program Adjutant, Program Finance Officer, Program Sergeant-at-Arms, Program Road Captain, Program Historian, Program Chaplain, Program Storekeeper and not less than three nor more than six elected Executive Committeemen. Also, Past Directors are allowed in the Executive Committee meetings.
- Section 3 All vacancies existing in the Executive Committee, or in any Office of the Program from any cause other than the expiration of the term, shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee, a person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member of the Executive Committee or Officer who was succeeded.
- Section 4 A vacancy shall exist when a member or Officer has resigned or is absent from the Program for a continuous period considered detrimental to the interest of the Program by the Executive Committee.

Article III
Executive Committee

- Section 1 The Program Executive Committee will consist of the following Committeemen and Officers as stated in Bylaws Article II, Section 2 of the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program.
- Section 2 The Program Director is the Chief Operating Officer of the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program.
- Section 3 The Program Director shall preside at all regular, annual, and special meeting. In the Program Director absence, the Program Vice-Director shall preside.
- Section 4 The Program Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Program Director within 10 days after the installation of the new elected Officers. Program Executive Committee shall meet to consider issues, request, or any other business. Thereafter, the Program Executive Committee will meet five (5) time per year or as often as the Program Director deem necessary. The Program Director shall call a special meeting of the Program Executive Committee upon joint written request of six (6) or more voting members of the Program Executive Committee.
- Section 5 Six (6) voting members constitute a Quorum for the Program Executive Committee.
- Section 6 The Program Director shall not vote during a Program Executive Committee action except when there is a tie vote within the voting members of the Program Executive Committee, where upon the Program Director shall cast the deciding vote.
- Section 7 The Program Executive Committee shall approve hiring of employee(s) as may be necessary to conduct business; and shall authorize and approve day-to-day expenditures for the Program business. The Program Finance Officer shall provide a Financial Report at each Program Executive Committee and at the Program Convention to state the financial condition of the Program.
- Section 8 The Program Executive Committee shall require adequate bond(s) from all persons who have custody Program funds or provide bonding for those individual(s).
- Section 9 Between Program Convention the administrative power shall be vested in the Program Executive Committee, which shall constitute the Board of

Directors of the American Legion Riders Program Department of Oklahoma. Voting members of the Program Executive Committee consist of the following Officers and Committeemen:

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| Program Director | Voice with Vote |
| Program Vice-Director | Voice with Vote |
| Program Adjutant | Voice with Vote |
| Program Finance Officer | Voice with Vote |
| Program Historian | Voice (without Vote) |
| Program Chaplain | Voice (without Vote) |
| Program Sergeant Arms | Voice (with Vote) |
| Program Storekeeper | Voice (without Vote) |
| Program Road Captain | Voice with Vote |
| Program Committeemen five (5) | Voice with Vote |
| Program Past Director | Voice (without Vote) |
| Department Consultant | Voice (without Vote) |

Section 10 The Program Executive Committee shall not financially obligate the Program by mortgage(s), long-term leases, loans or other encumbrments to the Program.

Section 11 Failure of an officer to attend a regular or special meeting of the Oklahoma American Legion Program may constitute cause for removal from office, by a quorum vote of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will have discretion to entertain, approve and accept a reasonable excuse for an absence.

Article IV
Officers

- Section 1 Authority between meetings shall rest with the Program Director and the Program Vice- Director in conjunction with the Department appointed Consultant.
- Section 2 The Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program Director shall preside at all regular, annual, and special meetings. In Program Director absence the Program Vice-Director shall preside.
- Section 3 Program Director shall serve as Chief Administrative Officer of the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program and will preside over all meetings. Program Director shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Program and keep a list of Chapters and Chapter Directors. Program Director shall have the power to appoint committees to carry out policies and programs of the Oklahoma Legion Riders Program. Program Director shall have the right to call special meetings. The Program Director shall make a report at the annual meeting held at the Department Convention relative to the condition and activities of the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program and submit report to the Department Adjutant. Program Director shall perform such other duties as directed by the Program membership. The Program Director shall announce the results of Program elections.
- Section 4 Program Vice-Director shall assume and discharge the duties of the Office of Program Director in the absence or disability of, or when called upon by the Program Director. Program Vice-Director shall be a co-signer on all checks for the Program along with the signature of the Program Finance Officer.
- Section 5 The Adjutant shall have charge of and keep a full and correct record of all proceedings of all meetings, keep such records as the Department and National Organizations may require, render reports of membership annually or when called upon at a meeting, and under direction of the Director handle all correspondence and membership renewals of the Program. The Program Adjutant shall record the properly nominated individuals for elected office and produce a secret ballot. All copies of the ballot shall be delivered to the Sergeant-at- Arms for execution of the elections. The Adjutant and the Sergeant at Arms shall count and verify the voting. The Adjutant shall produce a report of the elections to the Director.

- Section 6 Program Finance Officer shall have sole charge of all Finances and see are safely deposited in the Program bank account at a local bank. The Program Finance Officer shall maintain the Program checkbook and provide a report, once a month, to the Program Executive Committee the financial condition of the Program. The Program Finance Officer and the Program Vice-Director shall sign all checks disbursing the monies of the Program. The Finance officer shall also provide any recommendation, deem necessary for raising and disbursing funds with which to carry on the approved activities of the Program. The Program Finance Officer shall furnish such surety bonds in such sums as shall be fixed by the Program Executive Committee.
- Section 7 The Program Historian shall be charged with the individual records and incidents of the Program and Program members and shall perform such other duties as may properly pertain to the office as may be deemed by the Program or the Executive Committee.
- Section 8 The Program Chaplain shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the Program comrades and will offer divine but nonsectarian service in the event of dedications, funerals, public functions, etc., adhere to such ceremonial rituals as are recommended by the National or Department headquarters from time to time.
- Section 9 The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve order at all meetings and shall perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned by the Program Executive Committee. The sergeant at arms shall ensure the validity of Program elections and be the sole custodian of the ballots of the Program during the elections. The Sergeant-at-Arms and the Adjutant shall count and verify the voting.
- Section 10 The Storekeeper shall maintain all the saleable items kept by the American Legion Riders Program. The Storekeeper shall take merchandise requests from the membership and fill those requests. The Storekeeper shall deliver any funds to the Finance Officer. All transactions shall be completed through the Program Finance Officer. The Storekeeper shall purchase Legion Riders patches, insignia etc. from American Legion Emblem Sales.
- Section 11 The Program Road Captain shall be the Executive head of the Riders program of American Legion Riders Program. He/she shall be responsible for the safety of the riders during organized Program motorcycle functions. The Road Captain shall work closely with the Executive and Activities Committees to determine the riding activities of the Program. Further, the Road Captain shall determine the best and safest route for all Program organized riding functions. The Program Road Captain shall lead all organized Program rides. The Program Road Captain shall determine

the safety and compliance to state motor vehicle codes of all Program motorcycles prior to a Program motorcycle riding activity.

- Section 12 The Program service officer shall keep all members of American Legion Riders Program informed as to the health, housing and educational benefits from the Veterans Administration as well as any other programs that might benefit Veterans. The Program Service Officer shall ensure that all members of the American Legion Riders Program have had an opportunity to enroll in any veteran service programs which become available.

Article V Meetings

- Section 1 There shall be at least two (2) meetings of the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program, each year. One meeting shall be the annual meeting, which shall be convened at the location where the annual Department of Oklahoma American Legion convention is held and at a time immediately prior to, during or immediately following said convention (at a place and time convenient to a majority of Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program). There shall be a least one other meeting during the year shall be held in conjunction with the mid-year Winter Conference meeting of The American Legion, Department of Oklahoma.
- Section 2 Published (email, mail, or electronic) notice must be sent at least thirty (30) days prior to any regular meeting of the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program to all active chapters (via Program Director or Program Adjutant) in the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program.
- Section 3 Published (email, mail, or electronic) notice must be sent at least fifteen (15) days prior to any special meeting of the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program to all active chapters (via Program Director or Program Adjutant) informing them of the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting.
- Section 4 A quorum for the transaction of business of any regular or special meeting of the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program shall be twenty (20) members in good standing representing at least five (5) Chapters within the Department of Oklahoma.

Article VI Delegates

Each Chapter will have two delegated and two voted. Alternate delegates for each Chapter will be unlimited.

**Article VII
Nominations**

- Section 1 The Program Director shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of three (3) members to identify a slate of officers (Program Director, Program Vice-Director, and other elected offices) for next membership year. The committee will make its report at the annual meeting and take further nominations from the floor. Nominators and Nominees must both be members (of the Oklahoma American Legion Program) in good standing. No one will be nominated who has not formally agreed to serve.
- Section 2 No one shall be nominated for the position of Director unless they are also a Veteran and member of The American Legion Department of Oklahoma or a member of the Sons of The American Legion Department of Oklahoma or The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oklahoma.
- Section 3 Candidates for elected of Program Director and other elected officers must be a member (of the Oklahoma American Legion Program) in good standing (eligibility and membership verified by Nominations Committee prior to election).

**Article VIII
Finance**

- Section 1 Since The American Legion Riders is a Post level Program, the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program will not be in the business of collecting dues. (All officers and members are required to maintain their membership in good standing at their home/sponsoring Post).
- Section 2 Posts and Chapters may impose dues for the local Riders program if they so choose. All monies are reported monthly to the Post and have the Post Finance Officer or the Post Adjutant access to their bank accounts.
- Section 3 Any required revenue for meeting costs or other incidentals will be solicited, by the elected officers along with the Treasure, from the local chapters in form of donations or through fund raising events. Any excess amounts will not be retained – but will be donated to the Legacy Scholarship Fund or another worthy American Legion cause, decided upon by a majority of the membership in attendance at the annual meeting.
- A financial report will be given at the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program annual meeting with a copy to The American Legion Department Adjutant and forwarding said report to the Department Executive

Committee will include any balances, fundraising totals, Legacy proceeds, charity events totals, other donations, and any additional pertinent data.

Article IX

Local chapters

- Section 1 Each local Chapter shall be the judge of its own membership, subject to the restrictions of the National and Department Oklahoma Constitution and By-Laws respectively, and may restrict its membership as it desires, subject to approval of the local Post, except that no person who is a member of an organization has for its aim to overthrow of the United States Government by force or violence, or who subscribes to the principles of any group opposed to our form of government, shall be eligible to become a member of the American Legion Riders.
- Section 2 Each local Chapter shall have a headquarters and meeting at its sponsoring Post with a Post Office address to which all notices and documents may be sent.
- Section 3 Each local Chapter shall have a Constitution and By-Laws to govern and shall have officers known as Program Director, Program Vice-Director, a Program Adjutant, a Program Treasurer, a Program Sergeant-at-Arms, a Program Rider Captain, a Program Chaplain, Program Historian and two (2) Program Executive Committeeman and other positions as designated by the Program Director. The Treasurer shall be bonded. The local Chapter shall subscribe to the Post and Department Constitution and By-Laws and shall not incur any obligation in the name of any other Post, subdivision, organization, branch committee, or group of members of The American Legion. (Note: Small Chapters, start with the highest Office and add additional office(s) as your membership increases).
- Section 4 Local Chapters shall submit copies of the Constitution and By-Laws and Amendments thereto through the respective Post, The American Legion Riders Program Department Executive Committee, and American Legion Department Adjutant and American Legion Department Judge Advocate. Also, provide documents from sponsoring Post meeting minutes that reflects a motion, second and a vote that passes to start an Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program.
- Section 5 All monies received in any manner for welfare purposes of any nature by a local Chapters shall be deposited in a duly authorized banking institution and none of such monies shall be withdrawn except for welfare purposes and upon a draft signed by the Treasurer of the local Chapter and local Program Vice-Director.

- Section 6 No Chapter shall solicit another Chapters or Post for purposes of financial aid or relief. Violation of this section shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of the American Legion Riders Program for that Chapter.
- Section 7 All local Chapters shall install their officers for the current year of The American Legion Riders Program after the Department Convention is convene.
- Section 8 A minimum of officers shall be the Program Director, Program Vice-Director, Adjutant, Treasure, and the Sargent-at Arms. As Chapter grows, Officers in Section 3 should be added accordingly.

Article X Penalties & Discipline

- Section 1 After a fair and impartial hearing, a member may be expelled or suspended from the Program by a majority vote of the general membership at a regular or special meeting for disloyalty, dishonesty and conduct unbecoming of the American Legion Riders.
- Section 2 The allegedly offending member must be notified in writing of the action at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting, at which the vote will be taken.
- Section 3 Suspension – temporary measure, suspended members may attend functions but will not be authorized to wear American Legion Riders insignia.
- Section 4 Expulsion – permanent measure, The American Legion Department Oklahoma and a The American Legion National Headquarters will be advised. The former will be advised that he/she is no longer authorized to wear American Legion Riders insignia.

Article XI Wearing of Patches

- Section 1 The front of the vest will consist of the following:
An American flag will be worn on the left side, high on the chest. Patches with anything art or wording defacing the flag shall not be worn on the American Legion Riders vest.
An Oklahoma flag will be placed immediately below the American flag.
A POW/MIA patch will be worn on the right side high, on the chest.
Road names and officer titles will be worn below the POW/MIA patch.

The lower half of both the left and right front of the vest is free for individual patches and pins. Absolutely nothing will be worn above the American Flag or POW/MIA patch.

- Section 2 The back of the vest will consist of the following:
The American Legion Riders Association patch centered on the back.
The Chapter's city may be embroidered on the patch above the emblem with OK and Post number embroidered below the below the emblem.
- Section 3 Absolutely no "Property Of", property-type, other "M/C" patches or support patches of any other motorcycle organization will be worn on a garment also displaying the American Legion Riders logo – This is essential to maintaining our "neutral" status within the motorcycle culture.
- Section 4 Refer to NEC Resolution No. 5 May 5-6, 2021: Guidelines for the American Legion Riders National Program
- Section 5 Riders with patches before July 17, 2021, will be "Grandfather Clause" as long they meet the Section 3 above and patches do not deface the American Flag. New Riders after the July 17, 2021 will adhere to Article XI "Wearing of Patches".

Article XII Rules and Order

- Section 1 All meetings will be conducted under "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised."
- Section 2 An orderly and efficient meeting is mark of a quality organization – and honors the military personnel and Veterans from whence our Program came.
- Section 3 It must be understood that all members voice is important and have the right to be heard – every member of the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program will be treated with respect.
- Section 4 The Sergeant at Arms and any designated assistants will have full authority to maintain order during meeting of the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program.

Section 5 Loyalty is expected of all members – the elected and/or appointed leaders have a duty to make wise decisions to guide the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program ... members have the right to initiate a constructive discussion about issues, but ultimately have the responsibility to support the decision made through a majority vote.

**Article XIII
Limitation of Liabilities**

The Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program (including all Post level Chapters within The American Legion, Department of Oklahoma) shall not incur nor cause to be incurred, any liability or obligation whatsoever – which shall subject any, members of The American Legion, Department, District, Post, other Post American Legion Riders Program, subdivision, or other individuals, corporations to a liability of any fashion.

**Article XIV
Oversight**

The American Legion Department of Oklahoma shall have complete and total oversight of all actions of the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program and no member shall take any action, speak on behalf of The American Legion or the Department of Oklahoma or utilize The American Legion family of emblems without first receiving approval from the Department Adjutant.

**Article XV
Amendments**

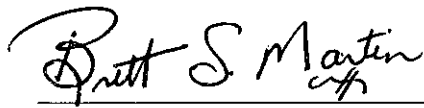
Section 1 These By-Laws may only be amended at the annual meeting of the Oklahoma American Legion Riders Program by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the adjutant and elected officers, in writing, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting and transmitted to the individual chapters not less than fifteen (15) days prior to said meeting.

Section 2 Further these By-Laws may be amended at the annual meeting, within notice, by unanimous vote of those present, provided a quorum is met to conduct business.

Section 3 The American Legion Department Judge Advocate will review the Constitution and By-Laws, along with any appendices and amendments, to ensure they do not conflict with Department and National Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion, and they will not become effective until filed, approved, signed, and dated by The American Legion Riders Executive Committee and The American Legion Department Executive Committee.

American Legion Riders Constitution and By-Laws approved by the American Legion, Department of Oklahoma Executive Committee (DEC) January 30, 2021 and approved by the American Legion Department of Oklahoma Convention July 17, 2021.

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