



POST 141

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Mission:

To participate in parades and other ceremonies that are in keeping with the aims and purposes of the American Legion. To promote motorcycle safety programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interests. To use our Association to promote and support programs of the American Legion.

By-Laws:

I. MEMBERSHIP:

A. **Regular Membership:** There are two requirements:

1. Be a current member of the American Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion.
2. Own a motorcycle of at least 350cc in size. Provide proof of ownership when applying for membership (Valid Registration).

B. **Auxiliary Member:** Spouse of a member who also qualifies under Section A.

1. Ownership of a motorcycle is **NOT** required.

II. SPECIAL CLASS MEMBERSHIP HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:

- A. A member or spouse may continue membership as a special class member (with full membership privileges) if you fail to meet membership requirements of Section I (A.2) pursuant to the following and subject to the approval of General Membership.

1. Death of a spouse who was the owner of the motorcycle as defined in Section I (A.2)
 2. Disability which prevents someone from physically being able to operate a motorcycle and ownership has been relinquished due to disability (this would allow the spouse to continue membership under these conditions for special class membership).
 3. For (1&2) above, must have been a regular member, in good standing, for at least one riding year.
 4. Someone who has been a member for ten consecutive years and has reached the age of 50 is entitled to the distinction of “Special Class Life Member” membership. Membership may continue without regard to section I (A.2) for the rest of their life and payment of local chapter dues will be waived.
 5. They must continue to meet the requirements of Section I (A.1).
- B. A Chapter may, at the discretion of the General Membership, elect by majority vote at a regular membership meeting, an Honorary Membership to an individual or persons under the following guidelines:
1. The individual meets all requirements of Sections I (A.1) of the American Legion membership.
 2. These memberships are to be known as “HONORARY” memberships. If the American Legion Rider back patches are granted to these “HONORARY” members, they must contain a bottom rocker so as to clearly identify the class of membership. Shirts or other wearing apparel, which bear the American Legion Rider emblem, should contain the words “HONORARY”.
- C. ALR Post 141 may, at its discretion, elect a majority vote at a regular membership meeting to authorize a “supporting” membership to an individual or individuals pursuant to the following guidelines:
1. Ownership of a motorcycle is not required for election to “supporting” membership.
 2. An individual who meets all requirements of Section I. (A.1) is a member of the American Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion; shall be required to pay full annual dues to ALR Post 141 and have voting privileges.
 3. An individual who does not meet the requirements of Section I. (A.1) is not eligible for membership in the American Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion; can still be elected a supporting member, and shall be required to pay full annual dues to ALR Post 141 but no voting privileges.

4. These memberships are to be recognized as supporting only, and will only be granted to those persons who have demonstrated themselves to be assets to the organization and excelled in promoting the aims and purposes of the American Legion Riders.
5. Supporting members of ALR Post 141 shall not be eligible for nomination to elected office.
6. American Legion Riders back patches shall be granted to and purchased by supporting members, which contain a bottom “rocker” which states the words “Supporting Member” so as to clearly identify the class of membership. Shirts or other wearing apparel which contain the ALR emblem should also contain the words “Supporting Member”, “I Support”, or “Supporter”.

III. MEETINGS:

- A. Meetings will be held at Post 141, Howell MI on the **FIRST** Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM. Seven members being present shall constitute a quorum. (At least two officers).
- B. While attending a meeting, members must display the American Legion Rider patch (Emblem). Failure to do so will result in a Five-dollar (\$5.00) fine being assessed.
- C. All patches will be worn on a leather vest or jacket.
- D. While riding, protective riding gear must be worn.
- E. Emblem, rockers, POW/MIA, and American Flag patches must be purchased from Chapter before becoming a member.

IV. ELECTIONS:

- A. The election of Chapter Officers shall be held annually at the December meeting (the first Wednesday in December).
- B. Nominations and elections will be held the same night.

V. DUES:

- A. Dues shall be no more than One dollar (\$1.00) a month (Twelve Dollars \$12.00 a year) and shall be paid before the beginning of the New Year (December Meeting).

VI. CHAPTER OFFICERS SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A. Director
- B. Assistance-Director

- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Road Captain
- F. Sergeant at Arms
- G. Chaplain

VII. DUTIES OF CHAPTER OFFICERS:

- A. **DIRECTOR:** The Director shall serve as Chief Administrative Officer of the Chapter and will preside over all meetings. He/She shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Chapter. He/She shall perform other duties as necessary or as directed by membership.
- B. **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:** The Assistant Director will assume the duties of the Director in his/her absence. He/She will also assist the Director in the performance of the Director's duties when called on to do so by the Director.
- C. **SECRETARY:** The Secretary shall keep a full and correct record of all proceedings at Chapter meetings. He/She shall further keep membership records as may be required by the General Membership (if there is no Membership Chairman).
- D. **TRESURER:** The Treasurer shall have charge of all finances of the Chapter. This includes the disbursing of funds as directed by the General Membership. He/She shall give detailed financial reports at each regular meeting. (Copies to be furnished to sponsoring Post if requested).
- E. **ROAD CAPTIAN:** The Road Captain shall be the person in charge of organized runs of the Chapter. He/She may, at his/her discretion, appoint Assistant Road Captains or take any other measures he/she feels necessary to ensure the safety of the group during a run.
- F. **SGT. AT ARMS:** He/She shall act as Sgt. At Arms during the meetings (maintain order, etc.).
- G. **CHAPLIAN:** The Chaplain shall assist in the religious welfare of the Chapter.

VIII. FINANCES:

- A. The finances of each Association Chapter shall be from Association membership dues and/or such other sources as approved by membership.
- B. Each Chapter shall be a non-profit organization and may only disburse funds in a manner that is in keeping with all local, state and national laws. Regarding non-profit organizations.
- C. Disbursement of funds will only be those authorized at any regular Chapter meeting where there is a quorum. The amount given shall be determined by a majority of the membership present. The amount shall not exceed \$250.00 for ALR members and their families or \$125.00 for non-members and their families. **A larger amount may be authorized, under special circumstances, by a majority vote at a regular membership meeting.**

IX. EXPULSION:

- A. Any member may be expelled or suspended from the Association, for cause, by a majority vote of the General Membership at a regular meeting where a quorum is present.
- B. A member must attend at least one meeting and one Chapter activity a year to remain in good standing. Failure to do so shall be cause for expulsion.
- C. The Membership Director shall be responsible for contacting anyone that has been removed as a member, whether voluntarily or by expulsion, and offer to purchase the ALR and Post 141 patches from said individual.

X. CHAPTER ORGNIZATION:

- A. Each Chapter must be sponsored by a local American Legion Post. Eligible members in the American Legion Riders are not required transfer their Post, Auxiliary, or SAL membership to the sponsoring Post.
- B. A Chapter shall not participate in or organize a program or event, which would be in direct conflict with the sponsoring Post.

XI. RESIDENCY:

- A. Each Chapter will be known by the state in which the majority of its members reside. Chapters may be further broken down into District and Post (i.e., ALR Michigan Chapter 141, 6th District, Howell Post 141).

XII. GOVERNING RULES:

- A. Each Chapter may elect to adopt a set of standing rules to govern its membership. These standing rules may be no less stringent than those contained in these by-laws nor can they be in conflict with the National

Constitution and by-laws of The American Legion, The Department of Michigan, or the sponsoring Post.

XIII. ORDER:

- A. All meetings will be conducted under “Roberts Rules of Order”.

These by-laws were amended and approved June 6, 2007 by members of Michigan ALR Chapter 141 at a regular membership meeting.

On February 4, 2020; Roger Deaton/Secretary for ALR Post 141 Duplicated the standing “File Copy” in order to have a clean, new, and electronic copy of the current approved by-laws dated June 6, 2007 - and used the “Black and White ALR Logo” for ease of copying in the future.