



**Constitution of  
The American Legion Riders of Georgia  
The American Legion, Department of Georgia**

**American Legion Riders Post 13 Chapter  
American Legion Post 13, Valdosta, Georgia**

**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 the Great 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.

**Purpose**

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

## **Article I—Name**

The name of this program shall be **THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS of GEORGIA.**

## **Article II—Nature**

**Section 1.** The American Legion Riders of Georgia (hereafter "ALR"), is a program of The American Legion, Department of Georgia (hereafter "Department") and subject to the rules, regulations, policies, oversight and control thereof. Such oversight and control shall be exercised through a committee of the Department to be known as the ALR Committee.

**Section 2.** The ALR is a program for members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and The Sons of The American Legion members, collectively "The Legion Family," who share an interest in motorcycling.

**Section 3.** The ALR upholds the declared principles of The American Legion as well as conforms to and abides by the regulations and decisions of the National, Department, District, Post, or other duly constituted governing body.

**Section 4.** The ALR maintains and protects the image of The American Legion at all times through appropriate wearing of The American Legion Emblem. The emblem of The American Legion demands "that the wearer shall ever guard the sanctity of home and country and free institutions."

**Section 5.** All members of the ALR shall avoid any perception of being a motorcycle club (hereafter "MC") or gang. Rather, the focus of membership is for the enjoyment of motorcycling and comradeship and furthering Legion programs and/or projects in the community, state and nation.

**Section 6.** The ALR strives to improve the public's perception of the motorcycling community by promoting the honorable nature of service to one's community, state and nation through the sport of motorcycling.

**Section 7.** Members of the ALR shall comply at all times with the motor vehicle safety, licensing, and insurance laws or regulations of the state in which operating.

## **Article III—Organization**

**Section 1.** The Department ALR Committee shall consist of the Department ALR Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and any other members appointed in accordance with Department policy.

**Section 2.** The Department ALR Executive Committee shall consist of the Department ALR Chairman, all Past Department ALR Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and each District ALR Chairman.

**Section 3.** The District ALR Committee shall consist of the District ALR Chairman, Vice-Chairman (appointed in accordance with District policy), all Past District ALR Chairman, and each Post ALR Chairman and Director within the District's jurisdiction.

**Section 4.** Any Post of the Department may establish an ALR program and it exists at the discretion of the sponsoring Post.

**Section 5.** Upon establishment of a Post ALR program, a Post ALR program Chairman shall be appointed, a copy of the Post ALR Constitution, By-Laws, roster of Officers and a letter of certification from the Post must be sent to the Department. The Post must also maintain adequate liability insurance for this program.

**Section 6.** All Post ALR programs will be subject to all applicable provisions of the Department ALR Constitution and By-Laws.

**Section 7.** There will be no other official organizations of ALR in the Department other than, Post ALR may from time to time, cooperate, coordinate or come together to conduct joint activities under the auspices of the National, Department or Districts in which the Post ALR are located.

**Section 8.** A minimum of five (5) members is needed to start a Post ALR program.

**Section 9.** The Post ALR Officers and Post ALR Executive Committee are responsible and accountable to the sponsoring Post ALR program Chairman, Post Commander and Post Executive Committee.

## **Article IV—Membership Eligibility**

**Section 1.** Eligibility for basic membership in the ALR shall be as prescribed by the national constitutions of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and The Sons of The American Legion.

**Section 2.** All members of the ALR must further demonstrate current individual membership in The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or The Sons of The American Legion.

**Section 3.** Members will not at any time hold membership in more than one Post ALR program. The sponsoring Post general membership must approve of, by majority vote, all applicants seeking Post ALR membership from other Posts.

**Section 4.** In addition to sections 1-3 above, members must be the legally registered owner of a motorcycle “two (2) wheeled” or “three (3) wheeled” or are the spouse and/or children/grandchildren under 18 years of age, of the legally registered owner within the state of registration.

**Section 5.** All operators must be properly licensed and insured per state laws.

**Section 6.** All members will obey the motor vehicle laws in any state in which they are operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger.

**Section 7.** Each Post ALR shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own membership, subject only to the restrictions of this Constitution and By-Laws.

## **Article V—Wear of American Legion Emblem**

**Section 1.** The ALR back patch, as copyrighted and sold by The American Legion Flag & Emblem Sales, is authorized for wear by all current members of the ALR.

**Section 2.** No other back patch or back patch design is authorized for wear.

**Section 3.** The Department ALR standards for patch sales shall be on file with The American Legion Flag & Emblem Sales.

**Section 4.** Use of rockers or patches “physically attached” to the ALR back patch is not allowed due to trademark laws.

**Section 5.** All approved ALR merchandise is available through The American Legion Flag & Emblem Sales; no other wear or use of The American Legion Emblem is authorized without formal approval of the Department and National Organizations.

## **Article VI—Determine Elected Officers**

**Section 1.** The recommended officers of the Post ALR are Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Road Captain, Activities Officer, Safety Officer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian, Webmaster, and such other officers as the Post ALR may determine to be elected annually.

**Section 2.** Only Legionnaires (Veterans) may hold the office of Post ALR Director, Assistant Director, or Treasurer, and they shall be surety bonded.

## **Article VII—Finance**

**Section 1.** The revenue of the Department ALR program shall be derived from such sources as may be approved by the Department ALR Committee in accordance with Department policy.

**Section 2.** The revenue of the District ALR program shall be derived from such sources as may be approved by the District ALR Committee in accordance with District policy.

**Section 3.** The revenue of the Post ALR shall be derived from such membership fees or dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Post ALR Executive Committee. Dues are not a requirement at the National, Department or District level and are optional at the Post level.

**Section 4.** The amount of such membership or initiation fees and the amount of such annual Post ALR dues shall be fixed and determined by the Post ALR.

**Section 5.** The Post ALR shall provide a monthly financial report and minutes to the sponsoring Post ALR program Chairman, Executive Committee and general membership.

**Section 6.** The sponsoring Post Finance Officer shall be listed on ALL accounts.

**Section 7.** All disbursing of funds shall require two (2) signatures.

**Section 8.** All benevolent revenues raised, during the Legion year, shall be allocated with no less than fifty percent (50%) being dispensed towards Legion programs and/or projects at the Post, District, Department or National levels.

## **Article VIII—State D.O.G. Rally**

**Section 1.** The legislative body of the ALR shall be the State D.O.G. Rally, to be held annually in concurrence with the Department Convention.

**Section 2.** In the State D.O.G. Rally each Department ALR Committee member shall be a delegate and entitled to one (1) vote.

**Section 3.** All Past Department ALR Committee Chairman shall be a delegate for life with one (1) vote.

**Section 4.** Each District ALR Committee shall be entitled to two (2) delegates with vote.

**Section 5.** Each Post ALR program Chairman shall be a delegate and entitled to one (1) vote.

**Section 6.** Each Post ALR Director shall be a delegate and entitled to one (1) vote.

**Section 7.** Each Post ALR shall be entitled to one (1) delegate with vote.

## **Article IX—Amendments**

**Section 1.** This Department ALR Constitution is adopted, subject to the provisions of the National Constitution, and Department Constitution, of which this Program is subordinate. Any amendment to the National, or Department Constitutions that is in conflict with any provision hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of this Program to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 2.** This Department ALR Constitution may be amended at any State D.O.G. Rally meeting by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendments shall have been submitted through the appropriate Post, District, and Department ALR Committees in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the next State D.O.G. Rally; provided, however, it may be amended by a unanimous vote at any State D.O.G. Rally meeting without prior notice.

**Section 3.** This Post ALR Constitution is adopted, subject to the provisions of the National, Department, District and Post American Legion Constitutions, of which this Program is subordinate. Any amendment to the National, Department, District or Post American Legion Constitutions that is in conflict with any provisions hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of this Program to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 4.** This Post ALR Constitution may be amended at any regular Post ALR meeting by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of said Post ALR attending such regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the preceding regular meeting. Any changes will be reported to the sponsoring Post, District and Department.

**Section 5.** Written notice to the addresses of record shall have been given to all members at least ten (10) days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members that at such meeting there will be presented a proposal to amend the Post ALR Constitution.

**By-Laws of  
The American Legion Riders of Georgia  
The American Legion Post 13, Valdosta, Georgia**

**Article I—Name**

**Section 1.** The Post ALR existing under these By-Laws is to be known as The American Legion Riders of Georgia, American Legion Post 13, Valdosta, Georgia.

**Section 2.** The name and nature of this Program are as set forth in the Constitution.

**Article II—Management**

**Section 1.** Between State D.O.G. Rallies all administrative power shall be vested in the Department ALR Executive Committee.

**Section 2.** The immediate Past Department ALR Chairman shall have voice and vote.

**Section 3.** All other Past Department ALR Chairman shall have voice but no vote.

**Section 4.** All Department ALR Executive Committee members shall be Legionnaires (Veterans).

**Section 5.** All immediate Past District ALR Chairman shall have voice and vote.

**Section 6.** All other Past District ALR Chairman shall have voice but no vote.

**Section 7.** Between Post ALR meetings, the administrative power of the Post ALR shall be vested in the Post ALR Executive Committee, which shall consist of all elective officers for the current year and the immediate Past Director.

**Section 8.** All immediate Past Post ALR Directors shall have voice and vote. All other Past Post ALR Directors shall be members of the Post ALR Executive Committee with voice but no vote.

**Section 9.** Officers of a Post ALR shall be elected and installed annually in conjunction with the sponsoring Posts elections and installation, and take office at the meeting next following that of the election. All elections of officers shall be by ballot and the candidate or candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the respective office for which they are candidates.

**Section 10.** All vacancies existing in any committee or office of the Post ALR from any cause other than the expiration of the term shall be filled by a majority vote of the Post ALR Executive Committee and with the consent of the Post ALR Membership. A person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member of the committee or officer whose position was vacated.

**Section 11.** A vacancy shall exist when a committee member or officer is absent from the Post ALR due to resignation, loss of qualifications, incapacity from injury or illness, or for a continuous period of unexcused absences considered detrimental to the interest of the Post ALR.

### **Article III—Meetings**

**Section 1.** The regular meetings of the Department ALR Committee shall be held in accordance with Department policy.

**Section 2.** The regular meetings of the Department ALR Executive Committee shall be held in conjunction with the Department Fall & Spring Conferences, and at the Department Convention.

**Section 3.** The Department ALR Chairman or a majority of the Department ALR Executive Committee shall have the authority to call a special meeting of the Department ALR Executive Committee at any time.

**Section 4.** Eight (8) members shall constitute a Department ALR Executive Committee quorum.

**Section 5.** The regular meeting of the District ALR Committee shall be held quarterly in conjunction with the District meetings and in accordance with District policy.

**Section 6.** The District ALR Chairman or a majority of the District ALR Committee shall have the authority to call a special meeting of the District ALR Committee at any time.

**Section 7.** The regular meeting of the Post ALR shall be held as scheduled at which time may be transacted such business as may properly be brought up for action; such meetings may be converted into entertainment meetings, as may be deemed agreeable by the officers of the Post ALR.

**Section 8.** The Post ALR Director or a majority of the Post ALR Executive Committee shall have authority to call a special meeting of the Post ALR at any time.

**Section 9.** Upon the written request of a majority of the Post ALR members, the Post ALR Executive Committee shall call a special meeting of the Post ALR.

**Section 10.** Five (5) members shall constitute a Post ALR quorum.

#### **Article IV—Post ALR Executive Committee**

**Section 1.** The Post ALR Executive Committee shall meet for organizational or such other business as may come before it at the call of the Post ALR Director within ten (10) days after the installation of the new officers. Thereafter the Post ALR Executive Committee shall meet as often as the Post ALR Director may deem necessary. The Post ALR Director shall call a meeting of the Post ALR Executive Committee upon the joint request of three (3) or more members of said Post ALR Executive Committee, and five (5) members of the committee shall constitute a quorum thereof.

**Section 2.** The Post ALR Executive Committee, based on a majority vote, shall hire such employees as may be necessary; shall authorize and approve all expenditures; shall provide or require adequate bonds from all persons having custody of Post ALR funds; shall hear the reports of Post ALR committee chairs; and generally, shall have charge of and be responsible for the management of the affairs of this Post ALR.

## **Article V—Post ALR Duties of Chairman and Officers**

**Section 1. Duties of Chairman.** It shall be the duty of the Post ALR Program Chairman to liaison between the sponsoring Post Commander & Executive Committee and the Post ALR Director & Executive Committee to ensure conformity.

**Section 2. Duties of Director.** It shall be the duty of the Post ALR Director to preside at all meetings of the Post ALR and to have general supervision over the business and affairs of the Post ALR, and such officer shall be the chief executive officer of the Post ALR. The Director will, with the Treasurer, sign all checks disbursing Post ALR funds. The Director shall approve all orders directing the disbursement of funds and shall make an annual report covering the business of the Post ALR for the year, and recommendations for the ensuing year, which shall be read at the annual meeting and a copy thereof immediately forwarded through the Post, District, and to the Department Adjutant. The Director shall perform such other duties as directed by the Post ALR.

**Section 3. Duties of Assistant Director.** The Assistant Director shall assume and discharge the duties of the office of Director in the absence or disability of, or when called upon by the Post ALR Director. The Assistant Director will, only in the absence of either the Director or Treasurer, countersign checks disbursing Post ALR funds. Will be responsible for membership, maintain accurate records of all Post ALR members, and render reports of membership monthly and annually to the Post ALR membership. The Assistant Director will serve as Chairman of the Membership Committee and be responsible for Post ALR membership information and the reviewing of the eligibility of new, renewing, and reinstatements of Post ALR memberships.

**Section 4. Duties of the Treasurer.** To receive all moneys, to keep a just and true account of same and pay them out on the order of the Post ALR membership, with the consent of the Director. The Treasurer will, in a timely manner, deposit all funds in the banking institution of choice approved by the Post ALR membership. The Treasurer will co-sign all checks disbursing Post ALR funds. The Treasurer will serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee and give a detailed report at each Post ALR regular membership meeting, and shall report once a month to the Post ALR Executive Committee the condition of the finances of the Post ALR, with such recommendations as he or she may deem expedient or necessary to carry on the financial activities of the Post ALR. The Treasurer shall also prepare the Post ALR monthly financial report for the sponsoring Post ALR program Chairman and Executive Committee. The Treasurer will also be keeper of the ALR store.

**Section 5. Duties of the Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep a full and correct account of the proceedings of the Post ALR Executive Committee meetings, and all Post ALR membership meetings proper, to be written. The Secretary should also make available a written copy of the minutes at each Post ALR regular meeting, and keep such records as the sponsoring Post, District, and Department may require. The Secretary shall, under direction of the Director, handle all correspondence of the Post ALR.

**Section 6. Duties of the Sergeant-at-arms.** The Sergeant-at-arms shall ensure meeting areas are prepared in advance for all Post ALR meetings. The Sergeant at Arms will ensure eligibility of all members attending such Post ALR meetings, and preserve order at all Post ALR meetings and gatherings. To assist the Director in ALR activities and such other duties as may be incumbent upon the office or as assigned by the Director.

**Section 7. Duties of Road Captain.** The Road Captain shall lead the formation in all organized tours, runs, activities, parades and events. The Road Captain will serve as a member of the Activities Committee and determine routes for all Post ALR rides. The Road Captain, at any time, may appoint Assistant Road Captains to aid in special tasks or take any other measures necessary to help insure the safety of the group during a ride.

**Section 8. Duties of the Activities Officer.** The Activities Officer shall be the logistics person in charge of all Post ALR functions, and arouse interest in them. The Activities Officer will serve as Chairman of the Activities Committee and determine dates, times and meeting places for those taking part in Post ALR functions. The Activities Officer should make available a written copy of the Post ALR functions to its membership, Post, District, and Department as may be required, and perform such other duties as may properly pertain to the office, as may be determined by the Post ALR Director.

**Section 9. Duties of the Safety Officer.** The Safety Officer shall promote motorcycle safety and riding enjoyment through programs and activities. The Safety Officer will assist the Road Captain to help ensure the safety of the ALR during organized rides, or other membership functions. The Safety Officer shall perform other such duties as directed by the Post ALR membership, Director, and Post ALR Executive Committee.

**Section 10. Duties of the Judge Advocate.** The Judge Advocate shall advise the Post ALR Officers and Membership of all matters concerning interpretation of parliamentary procedure "Roberts Rules of Order" and adherence to The American Legion National, Department, District, and Post Constitutions and By-Laws. The Judge Advocate shall also advise on matters concerning interpretation of The American Legion Riders of Georgia, and Post ALR Constitutions and By-Laws. Further, this officer will maintain a file of the current editions of the above-cited documents.

**Section 11. Duties of the Chaplain.** The Chaplain shall perform all those solemn and divine services, which we should constantly render to our infinite Creator, and be charged with the spiritual welfare of the ALR comrades. The Chaplain will also offer divine but nonsectarian service in the event of dedications, funerals, public functions, etc., and adhere to such ceremonial rituals as are recommended by the National, Department, District and Post headquarters from time to time.

**Section 12. Duties of the Webmaster / Historian.** The Historian shall preserve the records, incidents, and archives of the ALR and ALR members, and publish from time to time such historical data as may be appropriate. The Historian shall perform such other duties as may properly pertain to the office as may be determined by the Post ALR Director or Executive Committee.

The Webmaster shall design, develop, market, and maintain the ALR website. The Webmaster shall promote changes to the website which may have a positive impact upon The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of The American Legion and ALR or which may take advantage of new technologies or approaches to website design. The Webmaster shall perform such other duties as may properly pertain to the office as may be determined by the Post ALR Director or Executive Committee.

## **Article VI—Delegates**

**Section 1.** Department/District delegates and their alternates shall be appointed in accordance with Department/District policy.

**Section 2.** Post ALR delegates and alternates to the State D.O.G. Rally, or Department ALR meeting, convention, regional gathering or other activity shall be elected by ballot by the Post ALR membership at a regular meeting of the Post ALR to be held prior to the date of such event.

## **Article VII—Post ALR Committee Appointments**

**Section 1.** Three (3) standing committees, Membership, Finance, and Activities shall be established with the chairperson of each being the officer as assigned in Article V, Post ALR Duties of Officers.

**Section 2.** The Post ALR Director, immediately upon taking office each year, shall appoint standing committee members.

**Section 3.** Additional committees shall consist of such persons, and the chair thereof, as designated by the Post ALR Director with the consent of the Post ALR Membership. The duties and length of service of these committees shall be stated at the time the committee is appointed.

## **Article VIII—Resolutions**

**Section 1.** All resolutions of state or national scope presented to the Post ALR by a member or reported to the Post ALR by a committee shall merely embody the opinion of the Post ALR on the subject and copy of same shall be forwarded to the Post/District/Department headquarters for its approval before any publicity is given or action other than mere passage by the Post ALR is taken.

## **Article IX—Notices**

**Section 1.** Every member shall furnish the **American Legion Riders Post 13** Secretary with a valid email and/or postal mailing address.

**Section 2.** The **American Legion Riders Post 13** Secretary shall cause notice of the annual election to be given at least two (2) weeks prior thereto.

## **Article X—Protocol**

**Section 1.** The “State Chapter” is The Department of Georgia.

**Section 2.** The purpose of the State Chapter is to provide the ALR with information that will assist in bringing and maintaining a peaceful and respectful understanding between members of motorcycling organizations that share the roadways.

**Section 3.** The State Chapter shall be responsible for Motorcycle Club “MC”, Riding Club “RC”, and Motorcycle Association “MA”, protocol basics and education.

## **Article XI—Rules of Order**

**Section 1.** All proceedings of the **American Legion Riders Post 13** shall be conducted under and pursuant to Roberts’ Rules of Order (Newly Revised), except as herein otherwise provided.

## **Article XII—Limitations of Liabilities**

**Section 1.** The **American Legion Riders Post 13** shall incur, or cause to be incurred, no liability nor obligation whatever which shall subject to liability any other Post ALR, subdivision, members of The American Legion, Department, District, Post, or other individuals, corporations or organizations.

## **Article XIII—Amendments**

**Section 1.** These Department ALR By-Laws may be amended at any State D.O.G. Rally meeting by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendments shall have been submitted through the appropriate Post, District, and Department ALR Committees in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the next State D.O.G. Rally; provided, however, it may be amended by a unanimous vote at any State D.O.G. Rally meeting without prior notice.

**Section 2.** Proposed Amendments to these **American Legion Riders Post 13** By-laws must be submitted in writing to the **American Legion Riders Post 13** Director at a regular **American Legion Riders Post 13** membership meeting for a first (1<sup>st</sup>) reading. At the next regular **American Legion Riders Post 13** membership meeting, (or subsequent if postponed), the second(2<sup>nd</sup>) reading of the proposed amendment will be read, discussed and approved by the membership present. Upon approval of the amendment by the membership, the **American Legion Riders Post 13** Program Chairman will present the amendment to the **American Legion Riders Post 13** By-laws to the Post 13 American Legion Executive Committee for approval and adoption by the American Legion National, Department, District or Post under which this organization operates.

**Section 3.** Written notice to the addresses of record indicated in Article IX, Section 1, shall have been given to all members at least ten (10) days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members that at such meeting there will be presented a proposal to amend the **American Legion Riders Post 13** By-Laws.

**Section 4.** Membership eligibility in **American Legion Riders Post 13** will be as stated in **Article IV—Membership** of the **ALR** Constitution with amended membership categories as follows:

### **A. Full Member-**

- 1.** Must be a current member of the American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion (SAL) or American Legion Riders.
- 2.** Must own a motorcycle of at least 400cc in engine size.
- 3.** Must possess a valid motorcycle license and/or endorsements, as required in the State of Georgia or United States military.
- 4.** Must be of an age older than eighteen (18) years.

- B. Special Class Member** –member may continue membership as a Special Class Member (with full membership privileges) if you fail to meet the membership requirements of **Article XIII—Amendments Section 4 A.2 & .3** pursuant to the following and subject to the approval of the **American Legion Riders Post 13** general membership:
- A. Death of a spouse which prevents member from physically operating the above-mentioned motorcycle, described in **Article XIII—Amendments Section 4 A.2 & .3**, and/or ownership is relinquished as a result of this death, will result in member 's forfeiture of membership in Post 13 American Legion Riders. Sole exception to this amendment is Charter Membership status of member. Forfeiture of membership as a result of this paragraph does not preclude from attendance to American Legion Riders Post 13 activities, meetings or other authorized ALR functions as a guest of the American Legion Riders Post 13, unless otherwise covered in these Bylaws.
  - B. Disability which prevents member from physically operating the above-mentioned motorcycle, described in **Article XIII—Amendments Section 4 A.2 & .3**, and/or ownership is relinquished as a result of this disability, will result in member 's forfeiture of membership in Post 13 American Legion Riders. Sole exception to this amendment is Charter Membership status of member. Forfeiture of membership as a result of this paragraph does not preclude from attendance to American Legion Riders Post 13 activities, meetings or other authorized ALR functions as a guest of the American Legion Riders Post 13, unless otherwise covered in these Bylaws.
  - C. Theft or permanent damage to motorcycle which disallows member from operating motorcycle; pending replacement within one (1) year. Temporary change of membership as a result of this paragraph does not preclude from attendance to American Legion Riders Post 13 activities, meetings or other authorized ALR functions as a guest of the American Legion Riders Post 13, unless otherwise covered in these Bylaws.
  - D. **Article XIII—Amendments Section 4 B** apply only if member had been a full member of **American Legion Riders Post 13** for a minimum of one (1) calendar year. This subsection, **Article XIII—Amendment Section 4 B** may be discussed and superseded on a case-by-case basis by quorum American Legion Riders Post 13 Executive Committee vote at the next monthly meeting of American Legion Riders Post 13. Reimbursement of dues or monies owed as a result of **Article XIII—Amendments Section 4 B** will be addressed per appropriate American Legion Riders Post 13 Bylaws.
- C. Charter Member** – Founding members of **American Legion Riders Post 13** Valdosta, Georgia who acquired membership in this Charter prior to **January 15, 2009** have been determined to be Charter Members in perpetuity. There will be no exceptions or amendments to this determination in perpetuity, for as long as there is a Charter of American Legion Riders Post 13.

## Article XIV – Dues and Finance

### Section 1. Dues

- A. The amount of annual membership dues will be determined by annual quorum vote of American Legion Riders Post 13 membership. This determination of annual dues will be decided when Charter elects Officers. The cost of dues as determined will not change until the next annual quorum vote of American Legion Riders Post 13 membership.
- B. Dues are due and payable by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. If a member becomes delinquent later than February 1<sup>st</sup> of that year, the member shall be removed from the membership roles. Those who desire reinstatement must re-apply for membership.
- C. Dues must be current to be a candidate or be elected to American Legion Riders Post 13 office.

### Section 2. Finances

- A. Finances of American Legion Riders Post 13 will be from American Legion Riders Post 13 membership dues or such other sources approved by the membership.
- B. Disbursement of funds shall be authorized as described above in duties of American Legion Riders Post 13 Director, Assistant Director and Treasurer, and subject to majority membership approval at an American Legion Riders Post 13 meeting, as described above.
- C. An emergency disbursement of funds may be authorized by agreement of a quorum of American Legion Riders Post 13 Executive Committee officers and the consent of the American Legion Riders Post 13 Director.

## Article XV – Suspension, Expulsion and Reinstatement of Membership

- A. Any member may be suspended from American Legion Riders Post 13 membership by a majority of officers in attendance at any function representing the American Legion Riders, if such member is judged to be acting in a manner bringing discredit to the ALR organization or the American Legion. This suspension will be in effect until the next regularly scheduled monthly American Legion Riders Post 13 meeting, which this suspension must be appealed to the American Legion Riders Post 13 membership in person.
- B. Any member of the American Legion Riders Post 13 may be expelled or suspended for a period of time from the American Legion Riders Post 13 by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present and voting at a regular monthly American Legion Riders Post 13 membership meeting. If such vote becomes required and appealing member is present, member shall be escorted out of the meeting by the American Legion Riders Post 13 Sergeant of Arms for a period of discussion by the membership and vote. Upon completion of voting, the appealing member shall be returned to the meeting to be informed of the decision of the American Legion Riders Post 13 vote. The decision of this vote shall be final and in effect without appeal.

- C. Any member of the **American Legion Riders Post 13** who has been expelled or suspended for a period from the **American Legion Riders Post 13** may be reinstated by two-thirds vote at any following monthly membership meeting, providing applying member appears and applies in person, showing good reason for reinstatement. Member must abide by the voting procedure described in Article X.B above. Member reinstatement shall be probationary in nature for such time as shall be determined by the **American Legion Riders Post 13** Executive Committee. Full reinstatement and end of probationary period shall be subject to final decision of the Post 13 ALR Executive Committee and be presented to the Post 13 American Legion Executive Committee by the **American Legion Riders Post 13 Chairman** or his representative.
- D. Any member who is reinstated in the manner described above in Article X.C shall make payment of any arrears in dues. Further, current year's dues must be paid.

#### **Article XVI – Committees**

- A. Three (3) standing committees, Membership, Finance and Activities shall be established with the chairperson of each committee being the Officer assigned in **Article V—Post ALR Duties of Chairman and Officers**.
- B. Membership committee shall be composed of the chairperson and any additional members that may be appointed by the Director, and shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the membership of the **American Legion Riders Post 13** including the recruiting of new members and reinstatements. The committee shall certify the eligibility of all applicants as required by these bylaws. Applications for the **American Legion Riders Post 13** membership will be presented to the Chairperson of the Membership Committee, who shall at each regular **American Legion Riders Post 13** meeting, report upon all applications received during or after the previous **American Legion Riders Post 13** meeting.
- C. The Finance Committee shall be composed of the Chairperson and any additional members that may be appointed by the **American Legion Riders Post 13** Director and at the request of the request of the Finance Chairperson. The Finance Committee shall be charged with the administration of the financial policy, preparation of reports and supervision of the **American Legion Riders Post 13** funds.
- D. The Activities Committee shall be composed of the Chairperson and any additional members that may be appointed by the **American Legion Riders Post 13** Director. This committee shall be charged with the planning and supervision of **American Legion Riders Post 13** activities. The committee may add temporary members to its membership for assistance with individual activities.
- E. Additional committees may be formed by appointment of the **American Legion Riders Post 13** Director with the consent of the **American Legion Riders Post 13** membership. The duties and length of service of these committees shall be stated at the time the committee is appointed.

## Article XVII - Uniform Code

- A. **American Legion Riders Post 13** use and wear of the American Legion Riders back patch will comply with Article V—Wear of American Legion Emblem as described in the Constitution of The American Legion Riders Department of Georgia, The American Legion Department of Georgia, American Legion Riders Post 13 Chapter, and American Legion Post 13, Valdosta, Georgia.
- B. The American Flag patch will be located on the upper left side of the **American Legion Riders Post 13** vest, jacket or shirt of choice. No other patches or pins, etc. will be located on the front higher than the American Flag patch, excluding optional epaulets use.
- C. **American Legion Riders Post 13** for Chapter Executive Committee Officers will be located on the upper right front side of vest, jacket or shirt of choice.
- D. **American Legion Riders Post 13** members may wear other items such as flags, pins, medals and patches as desired, but may be subjected to approval by the American Legion Post 13 Adjutant, (in example: inappropriate or unauthorized display of flags, pins, medals and patches of military or national nature).
- E. **American Legion Riders Post 13** may authorize the fabrication of pins, medals or patches for membership distinguishment or ride commemoration, etc. by vote at a regular membership meeting and purchase from the **American Legion** Post 13 Adjutant or **American Legion Riders Post 13** Treasurer, as appropriate.

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