

# AL POST 320 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

## BY-LAWS

### MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

To become a member of The American Legion Riders the applicant must first be a member in good standing with The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of the American Legion. All members must abide by the applicable laws. All members will follow the by-laws of The American Legion and American Legion Riders as set forth in the "National Constitution and by-laws of The American Legion" and "Constitution and by-laws of The American Legion Department of Virginia, Inc.", the by-laws of The American Legion District, and the by-laws of the American Legion Post 320". The American Legion Riders by-laws are subordinate to each of the by-laws mentioned above.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues will be \$12 per year, with renewals due following the renewal cycle of the American Legion Post. Members joining midyear will be prorated at a rate of \$1 for each month remaining in the calendar year.

### GOVERNING BODY

The governing body of the American Legion Riders Post 320 shall be by committee, the Officers of which shall be voted in by Post 320 ALR members in attendance during the annual election meeting. The ALR committee shall consist of a minimum of a Riders Director, Assistant Riders Director, Sergeant At Arms, Secretary and Treasurer. This committee shall operate as a sub-committee of Post 320 Americanism Committee.

### MEETINGS

The ALR Post 320 during scheduled meeting times or shall meet at the call of two or more board members, Riders Director, or Post Commander with 48 hours notice.

### RULES OF CONDUCT

All members of the American Legion Riders shall be held to the same standards of conduct as those of the American Legion. All organized ALR Post 320 rides and events which are organized to render Honor to Veterans, Fallen Service Members or Service Members returning from Deployments will wear the appropriate riding apparel as outlined below:

## **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PATCH**

Patches are available and will be sold to the members of The American Legion Riders through The American Legion Emblem sales. All ALR Post 320 riders will wear a black leather vest with the patch placed on the back center of the vest. A POW/MIA patch, an American flag patch, an American Legion Patch or American Legion Riders Patch, and a State flag patch are to be worn on the front of the vest as shown in the picture in this by-laws packet. Any other patches or pins worn on the vest must be directly associated with The American Legion, branches of the U. S. Military, with approval from ALR Post 320 Riders Director or Post Commander. No pins will be placed on or above the American Flag patch. (See illustration below)

## **VEST PATCH PLACEMENT**

The official vest of the Spotsylvania Virginia Post 320 Chapter of the American Legion Riders will be a black leather vest.

The Department of Virginia American Legion Riders recommends the following patch placement:

### **BACK**

The American Legion Riders back patch will be centered on the back of the vest. “Rockers” are not allowed and will not be worn per the Department guidelines and Chapter SOP.



## FRONT

Suggested for the front of the vest are four patches (Pictured Below)

- 1) The U.S. Flag will be placed on the left hand upper portion of the vest. **NO OTHER PATCHES OR PINS WILL PLACED ABOVE THE FLAG.**
- 2) The American Legion or American Legion Riders Patch should be placed on the right hand upper portion of the vest. The center of the patch will be in line with the center of the U.S. Flag covered above. A rocker will be placed under the ALR front patch reading Spotsylvania, VA. This is the only authorized rocker to be worn on the vest.
- 3) The POW-MIA Patch will be placed on the lower left hand portion of the vest.
- 4) The Commonwealth of Virginia Seal patch will be placed on the lower right hand portion of the vest. The top of the Seal patch and POW-MIA patch should be in line (common guide is to utilize the top of pocket as a reference).
- 5) Vest Extenders – The only vest extenders authorized for use will be US Flag, Military Branch Insignia, POW-MIA, or Plain Silver or Black in color. When the US Flag is worn as a vest extender no other vest extender will be placed above the US Flag.



## **HELMETS**

While participating in ALR Post 320 events ALR Riders will wear helmets that are D.O.T. approved.

## **MOTORCYCLES**

All motorcycle riders will follow the rules of the road as set forth by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Motorcycles must be street legal; with no restrictions on size, make or model.

# **HONOR GUARD MEMBERS ONLY**

Active ALR Post 320 members can petition the ALR Post 320 Riders Director and Post Commander requesting nomination into the Post 320 ALR Honor Guard. When requested by the Riders Director Honor Guard Members should make every attempt to participate in as many events as possible. Failure to participate in consecutive events could result in the Riders removal from the ALR Post 320 Honor Guard.

## **HELMETS**

While participating in parades or other events rendering honor to Veterans or Service Members, all Post 320 ALR members will to wear a pearl white half helmet. The only sticker to be placed on the helmet is to be a 3" Legion Riders decal placed over the helmet manufacturer's logo. No Stickers will cover the D.O.T. logo and all helmets will be D.O.T. approved.

## **VEST**

All ALR Honor Guard Members will wear a **SOLID (ONE PIECE) BLACK LEATHER VEST**. Only authorized patches will be placed on Riders Vest in the same manner as stated above.

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## **HEAD GEAR**

All ALR Honor Guard will wear an Official American Legion Garrison Cap, SOL or Auxiliary head gear while participating in Official Post 320 ALR Honor Guard events.

## **GLOVES**

All ALR Honor Guard will wear **WHITE GLOVES** during all Official Ceremonies.

## **SHIRT**

Black American Legion Riders Long Sleeve T-Shirt purchased from Legion Emblem Sales.