



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION
BETTENDORF POST 154 CHAPTER**

December 1, 2008

The Constitution and By Laws were adopted February 3, 2007 at American Legion Post 154, 2814 State Street, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Des Moines American Legion Post 731 shall be recognized as the State of Iowa Charter Chapter of the American Legion Riders Motorcycle Association.

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

To participate in parades and other ceremonies that is within the aims and purposes of the American Legion. To provide a Social atmosphere for American Legion Members and their family who share an interest in Motorcycling. To promote motorcycle safety and support for other motorcycling organizations. To use our Association to promote and support programs of the American Legion and our communities.

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be the American Legion Riders Motorcycle Association Bettendorf Chapter, attached to American Legion Post 154, Department of Iowa.

**ARTICLE II
NATURE**

Section 1 The American Legion Riders Motorcycle Association, attached to Bettendorf American Legion Post 154, Department of Iowa, is a social organization for its members and their families who share an interest in motorcycling.

Section 2 Each member shall perform his/her duty as a citizen according to his/her own

conscience and understanding, in accordance with the law.

ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION

- Section 1 This chapter is organized as a social body of the American Legion Riders, Iowa Chapter and under the sponsorship and jurisdiction of Bettendorf American Legion Post 154, Department of Iowa American Legion.
- Section 2 Des Moines Post 731 shall be referred to as State Charter Chapter.
- Section 3 The State Advisory Board shall be the governing body of the American Legion Riders of Iowa. The State Advisory Board will consist of a State Director, and an advisor from each recognized local Chapter. The State Advisors shall be appointed from within their respective local Chapter. The State Advisors will elect the State Director from within the ranks of the Advisory Board. The term of the State director will be 1 year beginning at the Mid Winter Conference.
- Section 4 This ALR shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National American Legion Riders (Michigan is recognized as National Chapter), the State American Legion Riders Advisory Board, and by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by its sponsoring Post and the Department of Iowa, not inconsistent with those prescribed by the National Organization.
- Section 5 The ALR National Advisory Board was created by majority vote of Chapters represented at the 2003 National Chapter Officers Meeting. Purpose The ALR National Advisory Board shall act as a non-governing committee to help support the growth of New Chapters and to collect and distribute other information to assist existing chapters. This is not to be construed as the existence of a national governing or ruling organization over any other Chapter, but is intended to collectively offer advice and assistance in the formation and management of ALR Chapters. As Additional members of the National Advisory Board appointed by the elected officers. The ALR National Advisory Board serves until recalled by majority vote of Chapters represented at any National Chapter Officers Meeting.
- Section 6 The National American Legion in Indianapolis, IN (National) may, at its discretion, appoint one or more liaisons to the ALR to facilitate program publicity, communication between The American Legion and the ALR, or other purposes as deemed necessary by The American Legion. A National ALR Liaison is not an ALR member, unless fulfilling Paragraph 1.1 and Paragraph 2.2.3 above. Further, a National ALR Liaison, as an officer of The American Legion, is not required to be an ALR member in order to fulfill the requirements of his/her office.

ARTICLE IV

ELIGIBILITY

- Section 1 Any current member of the American Legion, Auxiliary of the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and the spouse of a said member, shall be eligible for membership.
- Section 2 The member or their spouse must own a street legal motorcycle (no ATV,s) of a least 350cc in size.
- Section 3 The members of American Legion Posts which do not sponsor American Legion Rider Chapters are permitted to join Post 154 chapter at the discretion of said Chapter, provided they meet membership requirements.
- Section 4 Must be a current member in good standing in the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of the American Legion.
- Section 5 Must not at any time hold membership in more than one Post-level Chapter of the ALR. This provision does not preclude a member from holding office in any Governing or Guiding Chapter organized from amongst groupings of Post-level Chapters, including County, District, Department, Regional, or National Chapters, as seen fit by any commensurate organizational level within the American Legion. This is in keeping with the constitution and structure of the American Legion and its family of organizations.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

- Section 1 The officers of the local Chapter shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Road Captain, Historian, Membership Chairperson, chaplain and State Advisory Board Representative, all of whom shall be elected at a regular meeting of the local Chapter. The office of Historian and Membership Chairperson are optional

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Between Chapter meetings, the administrative power of the Chapter shall be vested in the Chapter Executive Committee, which shall consist of all elective officers for the current year, and in addition the immediate Past President.
- Section 2 The immediate past Chapter President shall be member of the Executive Committee without a vote.

ARTICLE VIII APPAREL

- Section 1 Members shall be authorized to wear the American Legion Riders Shoulder Patch and Back Patch on a black leather vest or black leather jacket. The Shoulder Patch should be worn on the right shoulder of a jacket, or on the front of a baseball cap. However, if wearing both patches on the same garment, the Shoulder Patch should be on the left breast.
- Section 2 A rocker patch may be worn under the Riders Back Patch, indicating the Post's City and Post No. Example: Bettendorf Post 154. Both patches must touch. If using the Riders Back Patch that accommodates three lines of additional stitching, the Post's City and Post Number may be stitched on the patch immediately below the words 'Iowa Chapter'. The Post's City and Number shall be stitched in gold lettering.
- Section 3 All patches ordered from National Emblem Sales should read, "IOWA CHAPTER".
- Section 4 A rocker patch may be worn over the Riders Back Patch, Indicating Chapter Charter Member. Only Chapter Charter Members may wear this patch.
- Section 5 The black Legion Riders Beret shall be the hat of choice for all member of the association.
- Section 6 Other pins and patches may be worn. Please **DO NOT WEAR OFFENSIVE PATCHES** use discretion! If the American Flag is worn by itself it should be the highest pin/patch on the left shoulder or front left side

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 This Constitution is adopted, subject to the provision of the National Constitution and the Detachment Constitution of which this Chapter is a subordinate member. Any amendment to the National Constitution or Detachment Constitution which is in conflict with any provision hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of this Constitution, to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 2 This Constitution may be amended at any regular Chapter meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members attending such regular meeting: provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing, and read at the immediate preceding Chapter meeting, and provided further, that written notice shall have been given to all members at least five days in advance of the date which such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members at such meeting a proposal to amend the Constitution is to be voted upon.