



# **The American Legion Riders**

## **St. Peter Chapter No. 37**

### **St. Peter, Minnesota**

## **Constitution and By-Laws**

### **American Legion Riders Chapter Constitution**

#### **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 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.

#### **Purpose**

The American Legion Riders is formed to promote the aims and purposes of The American Legion as a family oriented motorcycling activity fostering comradeship for members of The American Legion Post, 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 Minnesota, St. Peter Chapter*

## **Article II—Nature**

*Section 1.* The American Legion Riders (ALR) is a program for members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and The Sons of The American Legion, collectively “The American Legion Family,” who share an interest in motorcycling.

*Section 2.* The ALR upholds the declared principles of The American Legion and conforms to and abides by the regulations and decisions of the department, post, or other duly constituted governing body.

*Section 3.* The ALR maintains and protects the image of The American Legion at all times through appropriate wear 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 4.* Under no circumstances shall any emblem of The American Legion be marketed, sold, or subordinated to any other organizational logo or emblem without the approval and consent of The American Legion national organization.

*Section 5.* Members of the ALR avoid any perception of being a motorcycle or “biker” club or gang. Rather, the focus of membership is for the enjoyment of motorcycles and comradeship and furthering Legion programs in the community.

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

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

## **Article III—Organization**

The American Legion Riders is organized by the Department of Minnesota, and each chapter exists at the discretion of the sponsoring post. The chapter officers and executive committee are responsible and accountable to the sponsoring post/department executive committee. All officers of the American Legion Riders chapter must be named by the hosting post or department, or if elected must be confirmed or installed by the hosting post or department.

## **Article IV—Membership Eligibility**

*Section 1.* Eligibility for membership in The American Legion Riders (ALR) shall be as prescribed by the national constitutions of The American Legion Post, 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 Post, the American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of The American Legion in Minnesota.

*Section 3.* Members may hold membership in more than one chapter of the ALR as long as they are in good standing of this chapter.

*Section 4.* Each ALR member shall establish and maintain membership by owning, individually or through marriage, a motorcycle licensed and insured as required under local laws.

*Section 5.* Members in good standing may continue to retain full membership if they have given up motorcycle ownership involuntarily because of age, injury, or health reasons.

*Section 6.* There shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership, and dues shall be paid as required by the chapter or by the department. There are no national dues.

*Section 7.* All members will obey the motor vehicle laws in any state in which they are operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger.

*Section 8.* Support Members: As an exception to the normal eligibility rules, the Chapter may accept current American Legion Family Members (SAL, AUX and POST) in good standing who do not meet the other eligibility requirements of a motorcyclist, but who wish to participate in support of the Chapter.

- (1) Support Member classification does not constitute full membership in the Chapter, but is intended to provide recognition to those who show strong support to the ALR Chapter.
- (2) Support Members may have voting privileges in the Chapter and provide input as to decisions affecting the Chapter.
- (3) Support Members may not initially hold an Officer position in the Chapter but can serve on and Chair special committees within the Chapter and as Interim Officer if needed.
- (4) Support Members shall be held to the same standards of order, discipline, and conduct as full members.
- (5) Support Members may not hold a position on the House Committee.

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

*Section 1.* The American Legion Riders (ALR) back patch, as copyrighted and sold by The American Legion's Emblem Sales division, is authorized for wear by all current members of the ALR. American Legion logos and emblems may also be authorized by the host post for wear by selected volunteers performing work on behalf of the local Post or Post programs.

*Section 2.* No other back patch or back patch design is authorized for wear as an ALR emblem.

*Section 3.* Department standards and specifications for patch sales should be on file with Emblem Sales.

*Section 4.* If Department or Post identifying information is to be embroidered on the patch, Emblem Sales must have on record authorization from the department adjutant that such specific identifying information may be used on the patch.

*Section 5.* No other patch, tab, rocker, text, background art or color that is in conflict with an American Legion protected trademark may be used on clothing, banners, flags, posters or advertisements unless authorized by this chapter.

*Section 6.* Other recommended, but not required patches include the official ALR name tag (worn on the right chest), Minnesota state flag, the POW/MIA patch, a breast patch designating the member's unit (POST, AUX or SAL), and patches designating officer positions. No patch or item of clothing containing sexually explicit, vulgar or incendiary language, or anything that would bring discredit to the American Legion's public image and reputation should be worn whenever a member could be identified as an ALR.

*Section 7.* All members are encouraged to wear a vest during Chapter Activities, upon which will be attached the following items;

- (1) The "3 Line Legion Rider's Back Patch", as copyrighted and sold by The American Legion's Emblem Sales division. The back patch must have the word "Post 37" on line #2 and "St Peter MN" on line #3 embroidered in gold below the ALR emblem – nothing will be embroidered on line #1 above the ALR Emblem. No other words will be added to the back patch. (Exception - any ALR back patches with additional words purchased by Chapter Riders prior to 1 October 2016 may continue to be worn). No rocker or patch will physically touch

- The ALR back patch, due to trademark laws.
- (2) A separate bottom rocker is optional. If worn, it will be embroidered with gold lettering as listed below:
1. "VETERAN" - for all members of the American Legion, or for SAL members whose service would otherwise qualify them for SAL membership except that the dates of service do not cover a qualifying wartime period.
  2. "SQUADRON" - for all members of the Sons of the American Legion.
  3. "AUXILIARY" - for all members of the American Legion Auxiliary.
  4. "SUPPORT" - for all support members. (THIS ROCKER IS MANDATORY, AND MUST BE WORN BY ALL SUPPORT MEMBERS).
  5. A top rocker embroidered in gold lettering with the words "CHARTER MEMBER" may be worn by any members who were Chapter members on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
- (3) An American Flag patch, worn high on the left breast with no patches above it, and a POW MIA patch worn on the right breast but not higher than the American Flag patch – these patches will come with a members dues.

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

*Section 1.* The officers of the Chapter are Director, Assistant Director, Secretary and Treasurer at a minimum. Further officers may be assigned as Historian, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Road Captain, Safety Officer, Quartermaster and Membership Chairman, and alternates for each position, elected annually in accordance with Post 37 elections.

*Section 2.* Between chapter meetings, the administrative power of the chapter shall be vested in the chapter executive committee, whose voting members shall consist of all elective officers for the current year and the immediate past chapter Director.

*Section 3.* All other past chapter Directors shall be members of the executive committee with voice but no vote.

#### **Article VII—Finance**

*Section 1.* The revenue of the chapter shall be derived from such membership fees or dues (currently set at \$75, [+ voluntary donation] one time lifetime fee) and from such other sources as may be approved by the chapter executive committee.

*Section 2.* The amount of such membership or initiation fees and the amount of such annual chapter dues shall be determined by the chapter (potential to change). Each member will receive the 3 Line ALR back patch, an American flag patch, a POW/MIA patch, an ALR commemorative coin, and an ALR membership card with their paid lifetime membership fee.

*Section 3.* Coin Checks: The commemorative coin should be on each member during official events and meetings. One time per event or meeting, a member may take their coin out and call a "Coin Check" of all members that have received a coin. If a member does not possess their coin, they will be assessed a \$5 penalty fee payable to the Finance Officer ASAP – promoting comradery amongst our members.

*Section 4.* The chapter will provide a monthly financial report to the sponsoring department/post executive committee.

## Article VIII—Amendments

*Section 1.* This constitution is adopted, subject to the provisions of the national constitution, department constitution, and post constitution of which this chapter is a subordinate program. Any amendment to the national, department, or post 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 chapter to the extent of such conflict.

*Section 2.* This constitution may be amended at any regular chapter meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the membership attending such regular meeting provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the immediate preceding chapter meeting. Further, that traditional mail or electronic mail notice shall have been sent to all members' addresses of record at least 5 days in advance of the date which such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members that at such meeting there will be a proposal to amend the constitution.



# **The American Legion Riders**

## **St. Peter Chapter #37**

### **Chapter By-Laws**

#### **Article I--Name**

*Section 1.* The chapter existing under these by-laws is to be known as St Peter Chapter #37, The American Legion, Department of Minnesota.

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

#### **Article II—Management**

*Section 1.* The officers of the chapter shall be Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, and Treasurer at a minimum. Further officers may be assigned as Historian, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Road Captain, Safety Officer, Quartermaster, Marketing & Event Coordinator and Membership Chairman.

*Section 2.* 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 Director.

*Section 3.* Officers of this chapter shall be elected annually in June (nominated in May) 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 or offices for which they are candidates. All such officers shall be confirmed by vote at a regular post meeting or installed by the host post or department at a suitable installation ceremony.

*Section 4.* All vacancies existing in any office of the chapter from any cause other than the expiration of the term shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the committee, and a person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member of the committee or officer whose position was vacated. Any person so appointed or elected to fill a vacancy shall be confirmed or installed by the hosting post or department.

*Section 5.* A vacancy shall exist when a member or officer is absent from the chapter 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 chapter by the remaining members of the chapter executive committee.

*Section 6.* All past chapter Directors shall be members of the chapter executive committee with voice but without voting privileges.

*Section 7.* One member will be chosen by the membership to sit on the Post House Committee for a one (1) year term (non-consecutively) and shall be in good standing with Post 37.

#### **Article III—Meetings**

*Section 1.* The regular meeting of the chapter shall be held at the pre-designated location, on the Fourth Monday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., at which 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 chapter.

*Section 2.* The chapter Director or a majority of the executive committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the chapter at any time.

*Section 3.* Upon the written request of 4 members, the executive committee shall call a special meeting of the chapter.

*Section 4.* Five members shall constitute a quorum along with at least 3 officers present.

#### **Article IV—Chapter Executive Committee**

*Section 1.* The chapter executive committee shall meet for organizational, or such other business as may come before it at the call of the chapter Director within 10 days after the installation of the new officers. Thereafter the chapter executive committee shall meet as often as chapter Director may deem necessary. The chapter Director shall call a meeting of the chapter executive committee upon the joint written request of two or more members of said chapter executive committee, and three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum thereof.

*Section 2.* The chapter 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 chapter funds; shall hear the reports of chapter committee chairs; and generally, shall have charge of and be responsible for the management of the affairs of this chapter.

#### **Article V—Duties of Officers**

*Section 1. Duties of Director.* It shall be the duty of the chapter Director to preside at all meetings of the chapter and to have general supervision over the business and affairs of the chapter and provide meeting agendas. The chapter Director shall be the chief executive officer of the chapter. The Director shall approve all orders directing the disbursement of funds and shall provide a monthly report covering the business and finances of the chapter at each regular meeting of the hosting American Legion post, with a copy thereof immediately forwarded to the post or department adjutant. The Director shall perform such other duties as directed by the chapter membership.

*Section 2. 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 chapter Director. The Assistant Director will be in charge of the Chapter Constitution and By-Laws, ensuring they are up to date and current on a yearly basis and available to all Post Family Members. The Assistant Director shall support membership and other duties assigned below as directed by the ALR Director.

*Section 3. Duties of Chapter Secretary.* The secretary shall have charge of and keep a full and correct record of all proceedings of all meetings, keep such records as the hosting post and department organizations may require, render reports of membership annually or when called upon at a meeting, and under direction of the chapter director handle all correspondence of the chapter.

*Section 4. Duties of the Treasurer.* The treasurer shall have charge of all finances and see that they are safely deposited in some local bank or banks and shall report once a month to both the chapter executive committee and the hosting post the condition of the finances of the chapter, with such recommendations as he or she may deem expedient or necessary. The treasurer and Director, and at least one member of the chapter executive committee and one finance officer of the host post, shall be signatory on any and all accounts of the chapter. The treasurer shall be provided such surety bonds in such amounts as shall be fixed by the chapter executive committee and obtained by the chapter. The treasurer prepares the chapter's monthly financial report rendered to the sponsoring department/post at a regular meeting.

*Section 5. Duties of Chapter Historian.* The chapter Historian shall be charged with the individual records and incidents of the chapter and chapter members and shall perform such other duties as may properly pertain to the office as may be determined by the chapter or the Executive Committee.

*Section 6. Duties of Chapter Chaplain.* The chaplain shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the

Chapter 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 7. Duties of the Sergeant-at-arms.* The sergeant-at-arms shall preserve order at meetings and gatherings, assist the road captain and safety officer in enforcing all rules of safe riding during rides and runs; and perform such other duties or chair such committees as may be from time to time assigned by the Director or chapter executive committee.

*Section 8. Duties of Road Captain.* The road captain shall plan all tours, runs, activities, and events; lead the chapter in formation riding or parades; arouse interest in activities; enforce all rules of safe motorcycle operation and group riding. Additionally, the road captain may select assistants to aid in special tasks and may chair appropriate activities committee as directed by the chapter Director or executive committee.

*Section 9. Duties of the Safety Officer.* The safety officer shall work closely with the road captain and sergeant-at-arms to maximize the safety of all participants at all events. The safety officer shall also prepare and present safety training or present a safety tip to the membership at every regular meeting and assist the road captain and treasurer with event planning and event insurance issues.

*Section 10. Duties of the Quartermaster.* The quartermaster shall maintain an inventory of items related to the Chapter and determines the price of these items for the general membership. He/she shall make these items available at meetings and other functions as he/she deems appropriate and maintain records of their purchase and sales. The quartermaster will work closely with the treasurer. This position is normally filled by the treasurer, unless appointed otherwise by the Executive Committee.

*Section 11. Duties of the Marketing & Event Coordinator.* The marketing & event coordinator shall serve as the main point of contact for all marketing for the American Legion Riders. He/she will provide all members with scheduling of sanctioned rides and creating of a monthly and yearly ride calendar. This will include production of any ride flyers. Marketing updates the Chapters Facebook page and Band app. Of all activities within the Legion family and rides.

*Section 11. Duties of the Membership Chairman.* The membership chairman shall serve as a point of contact for individuals who are interested in joining American Legion Riders. He/she will supply all new members with a copy of the ALR's Constitution and By-Laws. He/she will coordinate with the chairman of the post membership committee to improve recruiting methods to grow membership.

#### **Article VI—Delegates**

*Section 1.* Delegates and alternates to a department American Legion Riders meeting, convention, regional gathering or other activity shall be elected by ballot by the Chapter at a regular meeting of the Chapter to be held prior to the date of such event.

#### **Article VII—Appointments**

*Section 1.* The chapter Director, immediately upon taking office each year, may appoint standing committees or commissions for the furtherance of chapter programs.

*Section 2.* Such standing committees shall consist of such persons, and the chair thereof, as designated by the chapter Director.

#### **Article VIII—Resolutions**

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

#### **Article IX—Notices**

*Section 1.* Every member shall furnish the chapter secretary with a valid phone number, email (or postal) mailing address.



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**Article IX—Notices**

*Section 1.* Every member shall furnish the chapter secretary with a valid phone number, email (or postal) mailing address.

*Section 2.* The chapter secretary shall cause notice of the annual election to be given at least two weeks prior thereto.

**Article X—Rules of Order**

*Section 1.* All proceedings of this chapter shall be conducted under and pursuant to Roberts' Rules of Order as outlined in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, except as herein otherwise provided.

**Article XI—Limitations of Liabilities**

*Section 1.* This chapter shall incur, or cause to be incurred, no liability nor obligation whatever which shall subject to liability any other chapter, subdivision, members of The American Legion, post, departments, or other individuals, corporations or organizations.

*Section 2.* This chapter shall take such steps necessary to secure appropriate event insurance for all organized rides, events, celebrations and functions undertaken under the name of the hosting post or department.

**Article XII—Amendments**

*Section 1.* These By-Laws may be amended at any regular chapter meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members of said chapter attending such regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the next preceding regular meeting.

*Section 2.* Written or electronically transmitted notice to the addresses of record indicated in Article IX, Section 1, shall have been given to all members at least 5 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 by-laws.

*Section 3.* Any amendments will be reported to the sponsoring post commander, St Peter Post No. 37, and such amendments will not be effective until approved by the sponsoring post commander.


Tom Christensen, Director, and Robert E. Jones, Assistant Director

Ron Davis, Treasurer, and Joenilla Robertson, Secretary

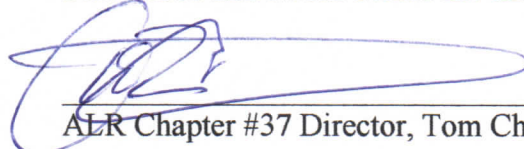
*Committee on Constitution and By-Laws American Legion Riders, Chapter #37*

*Ratified and adopted by post commander of The American Legion, St Peter Post #37, St Peter, MN,*

Dated this 25th day of March, 2024

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Post #37 Commander, Patrick Stoterau

Subscribed and sworn before me this 25th day of March, 2024

  
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ALR Chapter #37 Director, Tom Christensen

# Appendix:



# CHAPTER 37 FORMS



American Legion Riders  
Department of Minnesota  
Chapter # 37



Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paid (Check/Cash): \_\_\_\_\_  
Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Application/Annual Renewal and Information Form**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Post: # \_\_\_\_\_ Membership ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Legionnaire S.A.L. \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_

You will be: Driver or Passenger Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Optional) About Your Current Bike**

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ CC's: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# American Legion Riders Department of Minnesota Chapter # 37

**FOR THE LAWYERS:** Check the box alongside the appropriate statement below, draw a large "X" through the statement that does not apply to you, and sign and date below.

"I, the undersigned, certify that the motorcycle listed above is registered in my name and in accordance with state, city, and/or local licensing and registration requirements. I further certify that I carry property and liability insurance for myself, my passengers, and my motorcycle which meets at least the minimum state, city, and/or local insurance requirements. I also certify that I carry a valid driver's license with either a cycle endorsement or a valid Motorcyclist Temporary Instruction Permit in accordance with state, city, and/or local laws. If my status changes, I will request, complete, and submit a new Member Information Form."

"I am joining as a passenger of the following Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ or as a Support Member who has been voted in by the Chapter membership. I will not be operating a motorcycle as an American Legion Rider, but may be participating in American Legion Rider events as a passenger. If my status changes, I will request, complete, and submit a new Member Information Form."

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All members must signify their understanding and certification of the relative section above by signing and dating here.

I, the undersigned, agree that the American Legion, and the American Legion Motorcycle Association (henceforth referred to as 'The American Legion Riders' or simply as 'Riders'), shall not be liable or responsible for damage to property or injury to persons including myself during any Riders activities, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all Riders members and their guests participate voluntarily, and at their own risk in all Riders activities. I release and hold the Riders officers and the American Legion harmless for any injury loss to my person or property that may result through my participation in the Riders and/or their activities. I understand that this means that I agree not to sue the Riders officers, whether local, state or national, nor the American Legion for any injury resulting to myself or my property in connection with and Riders activities."

"Furthermore, I agree to abide by the Bylaws set forth by the American Legion Riders (National Organization) and any additional rules set forth by the local Chapter Laurel Post 60."

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All members must signify their understanding of, and agreement with the above, by signing and dating here.

## **SUBMIT THIS FORM ANNUALLY, along with copies of**

1. Current Legion/SAL/ALA ID card
2. Registration of motorcycle owned
3. Proof of insurance on motorcycle owned
4. Driver's license (both sides) showing motorcycle endorsement.



St. Peter, MN  
American Legion Riders Chapter #37



EVENT REGISTRATION/RELEASE FORM

MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT WAIVER, RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY AND ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS

As consideration for being allowed to participate in the event(s) described below I agree:

1. I acknowledge that motorcycle activity is a potentially hazardous activity which can be a test of a person's physical and mental limits and carries with it the potential for death, serious injury and property loss. The risks include, but are not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, condition of riders equipment, vehicular traffic, actions of other people including, but not limited to organizers, participants, volunteers, spectators, agents, The American Legion and its officers, NEC men, directors and employees. These risks are not only inherent to riders, but are also present for passengers, spectators and volunteers. I hereby assume all of the risks of participating, viewing and/or volunteering in this event. I realize that liability may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities organizing or conducting this event and hereby release them of all possible liability. I certify I am at least 18 years old. I promise not to sue and agree to pay all court costs and all attorney fees that result from my action, civil or otherwise.
2. **I certify that I am physically fit with no known physical or mental impairment and have prepared for participation in the event(s). I acknowledge that this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability form will be used by the event holders, sponsors and organizers of the event(s), in which I may participate and that it will govern my actions and responsibilities at said events. I certify that I am not under the influence of any narcotic, alcohol or other drug that may impair my understanding or judgment and that I will not at any time during the event(s) operate my motorcycle under the influence of any narcotic, alcohol or drug. I certify that I have fully adequate insurance to cover all medical claims, the motorcycle and any other equipment and any damage or liability I may ultimately be found responsible for, during all travel to the point of my entry into the Ride, the Ride, the period between the end of the Ride and The American Legion National Convention, the period of the American Legion National Convention and my return to my final destination. I further certify that I have all the insurance required by law and I am licensed and competent to operate a motorcycle in a safe manner and my license has all motorcycle endorsements or certificates required by my state of residence.**
3. **In consideration of my being permitted to participate in this event, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows: (A) Waive, Release and Discharge from any and all liability for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft or actions of any kind which may hereafter accrue to me during the event or during my traveling to and from this event, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS: The American Legion, officers, NEC men, directors, employees, ride organizers, sponsors, representatives, agents, volunteers and (B) indemnify and Hold Harmless the entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liabilities or claims made by other individuals or entities as a result of any of my actions during this event. Accordingly, I do hereby release and discharge The American Legion its officers, NEC men, directors employees, ride organizers, sponsors, representatives and agents, and their officers, agents and its employees from all claims, demands, and causes of action of every kind whatsoever for any death, damages and /or injuries which may result from my participation in this event.**

**This shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.**

4. I hereby consent to receive medical treatment, which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and or illnesses during the event(s). I agree to pay for any and all costs related to medical response, treatment and transport on my behalf.
5. I certify I will wear the personal protective equipment while operating my motorcycle at this event that is or may be required by the United States and/or any state in which my participation occurs and that my motorcycle and all required personal protective equipment are in safe operational condition. I agree to abide by the directions/rules given by the organizers of this event and understand that my privilege to ride may be removed without refund if I am in violation of the rules set forth or acting/performing in an unsafe manner, or any manner disruptive to the operation of the event(s). The engine displacement of my motorcycle is at least 650cc, the minimum size allowed for participation.
6. I agree to pay for all expenses (including, but not limited to lodging, food, beverages, gasoline, oil, repairs and maintenance and any other costs or expense I may incur) intending that The American Legion shall be totally free of such costs and expense.
7. **As additional consideration for being allowed to participate in the event(s) described below, I hereby assign to The American Legion any claim I have or might have, in contract or in tort in any way, shape, form or fashion arising out of its action, the actions of other riders or anyone that participates in or comes in contact with participants in the event(s). This assignment is intended by all parties to be a full and complete assignment of any claim I have against The American Legion and its NEC men, officers, directors, employees, ride organizers, sponsors, volunteers, representatives and agents, or may have against entities and individuals listed in this paragraph whether directly or through third parties. The intent of the parties is that The American Legion and NEC men, officers, directors, employees, ride organizers, sponsors, volunteers, representatives and agents shall be liability free with regard to anything in any way connected with the event.**
8. I hereby release The American Legion from any and all claims based upon or arising out of the use, reproduction, distribution, display or performance of all or any part of the photographs or recording, or any derivative thereof, including any claim of invasion of privacy or right of publicity.

**I hereby certify that I have read both pages of this Waiver, Release and Assignment of Claims in its entirety. My signature below indicates that I fully understand it and agree to its contents.**

**Full Signature**

**(Signature indicates agreement to terms and conditions)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: The remaining space may be used for a full event description, including the full title of event, the date(s) of event and location(s). Additional registration information, i.e., full printed name and address, phone, email, emergency contact, and other information may be useful for the administration of the event.