



# American Legion, Gary Streeter Post 108 American Legion Riders Chapter



DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

## Purpose

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To participate in parades and other ceremonies that is in keeping with the Aims and Purposes of the American Legion. To promote motorcycle safety education programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share an interest in motorcycles. As an authorized Program of the American Legion, the American Legion Riders will be an asset in promoting and supporting all programs within the American Legion.

NOTE: The use of the word "he" or "him" in these by-laws is used in its generic term, and shall not be construed as to exclude the female gender.

NAME: The name of this organization shall be the American Legion Riders Chapter of Gary Streeter Post 108, District 8, Department of Arizona, hereinafter referred to as "Chapter" or "ALR".

This Chapter recognizes American Legion Gary Streeter Post 108, American Legion Riders, Department of Arizona, American Legion, Department of Arizona, and the American Legion National Headquarters, as our governing bodies.

## Bylaws

### I. Membership:

- A. You must be a current member in good standing of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion.
- B. You must own a motorcycle of at least 650cc in size or be the spouse or significant other of an ALR member.
- C. The ALR Chapter is sponsored by Post 108, Department of Arizona. All materials produced by the ALR Chapter shall acknowledge its Sponsoring Post and the Department of Arizona.

- D. By a vote of three-quarters (¾) of the members present and voting, an Honorary Membership may be bestowed upon an individual who is a member of the American Legion family and who has continuously demonstrated his support of the American Legion Riders. Honorary Members shall not be entitled to a vote in Chapter affairs nor be entitled to hold an Office in the Chapter, but will have to pay the Chapter dues, will be entitled to wear an American Legion Riders Patch with approved rocker, and will be entitled to attend all Chapter functions.
- E. A person wishing to become a member of ALR 108, and who meets all of the requirements of this Section, must submit a membership application to ALR 108 together with the required dues, which will be considered at the next regular meeting of ALR 108. A majority vote of those members present is required in order to obtain membership into ALR 108.
- F. A person who meets the requirements of Section I (A), but does not meet the requirements of Section I (B), and who supports the purpose and goals of ALR 108, may apply to be a “Supporter” member of ALR 108. The process for “Supporter” membership is as set forth in Section I (E). “Supporter” members shall not be entitled to a vote in Chapter affairs nor be entitled to hold an Office in the Chapter, but will have to pay the Chapter dues, and will be entitled to wear an American Legion Riders Patch, provided that a rocker stating “Supporter” must be worn with the patch or the word “Supporter” must be sewn onto the ALR patch.

II. Executive Board

- A. The Executive Board shall be composed of the elected officers of the Chapter and one member appointed by the Commander of American Legion Post 108.
- B. The Director shall serve as Chairperson of the Executive Board and the Assistant Director shall assume that position in his absence. The Secretary of the Chapter shall serve as Secretary of the Executive Board.
- C. The Executive Board will meet as needed to discuss Chapter business.

III. Officers

- A. Director\*
- B. Assistant Director\*
- C. Road Captain\*
- D. Secretary\*
- E. Treasurer\*
- F. Sergeant-at-Arms
- G. Chaplain

- H. Quartermaster
- I. Historian
- J. Public Relations Officer
- K. Membership Officer

IV. Elections

- A. \*The elected Officers of the Chapter shall be the Director, Assistant Director, Road Captain, Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. All officers shall take office at the conclusion of the May meeting. Election of Chapter officers will be held annually at the regular May meeting of the Chapter by a majority of the Chapter membership present and voting. The term of office shall be for one (1) year and shall continue until a new officer is elected for that office. Formal installation of Officers will take place at the end of the May meeting of the Chapter. The general membership can vote to change the election dates at a regular meeting. If the position of any officer becomes vacant, the Director may appoint a member to fill that post until the election of a replacement. Nominations will be taken at the next regularly scheduled meeting and elections at the next subsequent meeting.
- C. All elected or appointed officers shall have only one vote at the Executive Board or Chapter Meeting.
- D. Elections shall be by voice vote unless requested otherwise by any candidate; in which case secret ballot with a majority of all votes cast will determine the winner. In the case of non-opposed offices, a voice vote will be the only method of voting.

V. Duties of Chapter Officers

- A. **DIRECTOR:** Will serve as Chief Administrative Officer of the ALR Chapter and will preside over all meetings. He shall have general supervision over the affairs of the ALR Chapter. He shall perform such other duties as authorized or directed by the Executive Board or general membership. Must hold a valid motorcycle license.
- B. **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:** Will assume the duties of the Director in his absence. Will assist the Director in the performance of his duties when called on to do so by the Director. Must hold a valid motorcycle license.
- C. **ROAD CAPTAIN:** Will assume the duties of the Assistant Director in his absence. Will be the person in charge (Road Captain) during organized runs of the Chapter.

He may, at his discretion, appoint assistant road captains or take any other measures he may feel necessary to help ensure the safety of the group during a run. Must hold a valid motorcycle license.

- D. SECRETARY: Will have charge of and keep correct records of all proceedings of all meetings and under the direction of the Director handle all correspondence of the Chapter.
- E. TREASURER: To have charge of all finances of the ALR Chapter. To have charge of disbursing funds as authorized by the general membership. To give detailed financial reports at each regular Chapter meeting (Copies will be furnished to the Sponsoring Post monthly or as requested by the Post Commander or Post Finance Officer).
- F. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Shall be appointed by the Director and will maintain door security and proper order during meetings. Checks nonmembers present for identity and the purpose of their visit. Will supply the Director with the names of any dignitaries present and non-members for introductions. Requests any person (member or non-member) who disrupts or interferes with a duly convened meeting, to either desist in their activity or exit the meeting.
- G. CHAPLAIN: Shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the Chapter members and will offer divine but non-sectarian services in the event of meetings, dedications, funerals, public functions, etc., and to adhere to such ceremonial rituals as are requested by the Chapter. The Chaplain will keep the Chapter Director informed immediately, and the membership at scheduled meetings, as to whom is on sick call and shall visit such chapter members whenever possible to provide comfort to the member and their immediate family.
- H. QUARTERMASTER: Will be required to keep a small supply of patches on hand for new members and will ensure the proper placement of these patches for all members. He will keep the Chapter supplied with various items such as equipment for meetings, i.e. paper and pens, 50/50 tickets, and items such as flag replacements when needed, signs/decals, and other procurement items as voted on by the membership.
- I. HISTORIAN: Will be responsible for collecting information about the Chapter's incidents and activities that will include, but not be limited to, pictures, newspaper articles, city/town proclamations, awards and special recognitions. Will perform other duties as may be directed by the Director, Executive Committee or the Chapter

- J. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER: Shall provide advertising flyers, WEB postings, news releases and other material to publicize chapter activities. Will perform other duties as directed by the Chapter.
- K. MEMBERSHIP OFFICER: Will gather new membership applications, Will validate the eligibility of each new member, at each regular meeting of the Chapter, report upon all applications received during or after the previous regular meeting, Will keep the membership rolls and report to the Director if members become delinquent or no longer meet eligibility requirements.

NOTE: In the event that any officer shall be absent for three consecutive meetings of the Chapter without being excused by the Director or the Executive Board, such office may be declared vacant by a majority vote of those present at a regular Chapter meeting.

Elected officers can be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at a regular meeting. Motions to remove an officer must first be presented to the Executive Board for consideration.

VI. Appointed Officers

- A. The Director, with the concurrence of the Executive Board, shall appoint the following officers: Historian, Chaplain, Membership Officer, Sergeant At Arms, Quartermaster and Public Relations Officer. The term of office shall expire at the conclusion of the May meeting in each year, unless reappointed by the incoming Director.

VII. Meetings

- A. Regular meetings will be held at a date, time and place as voted on by a majority of the Chapter members.
- B. Special meetings of the Chapter may be called by the Director or the Executive Board and must be called upon the written request of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership. A special meeting may also be convened if notice is mailed to each member five (5) days in advance stating the time, place, and the subject to be considered.
- C. Four (4) elected officers present including the Director or Assistant Director shall constitute a quorum.
- D. All meetings will be conducted under "Robert's Rules of Order."

VIII. Finances

- A. Members in the Chapter shall be assessed \$20.00 per year for each member. Initial dues assessed for new members will be \$20.00 plus the cost of any patches provided by the Chapter. Dues are due and payable by January 1 of each year. Should a member be delinquent in their dues after March 1, they shall be removed from the roles and must re-apply for membership. Candidates for office must be current in their dues in both the ALR and their Legion Post for the period in which they wish to hold office.
- B. The initial and membership dues (in VIII. Finances A.) may only be changed by amending the bylaws.
- C. Dues for new members are due and payable in full upon submitting an application for membership in the Chapter. For those members joining on or after August 1, there shall be the following pro-ration of dues for his/her first year:
  - August=====\$13.00
  - September==\$10.00
  - October=====\$7.00
  - November=====\$4.00
  - December=====\$2.00
- E. Nothing herein shall preclude the Chapter from raising revenue from other lawful sources.
- F. One of three (3) officers from American Legion Post 108 shall be a signatory on any and all ALR Chapter 108 bank accounts. The authorized post signatory officers are: Commander, 1st Vice-Commander, or Finance Officer. The Post 108 ALR Chapter is free to conduct their business and finances as they see fit, provided it falls under the 1st section of these bylaws, “Purpose”.
- G. An emergency disbursement of funds may be authorized by agreement of three elected officers.
- H. Per IRS regulations, the chapter shall provide a financial report to the host post at least once a month or when requested by the Post Commander or Post Finance Officer.
- I. Authorized ALR Officers to be a signatory on any and all ALR Chapter 108 bank accounts shall be the Director, Assistant Director or Treasurer.

IX. Expulsion

- A. Any member may be expelled or suspended from Chapter by a threequarters vote of the entire Chapter membership present at a regular Chapter meeting, provided however, that such member and the membership receives notice of the proposed expulsion or suspension and the reasons put forth at least ten (10) days before the meeting.
- B. Expulsion or suspension may only be done for good cause. "Good Cause" is hereby defined as actions or activities by a member who brings discredit or dishonor to the American Legion or to the American Legion Riders.

X. Disbursement of Funds

- A. Disbursement of funds will be only those authorized by a majority of Chapter members present and voting unless allowed pursuant to article VIII (G).
- B. The Chapter will be a non-profit organization and may only disburse funds in a manner that is in accordance with all local, state and federal laws regarding non-profit organizations.
- C. All checks in excess of \$100 will require two signatures consisting of the Director and/or Assistant Director and/or Treasurer and/or the Authorized Post Officer.
- E. Upon the dissolution of the Chapter, all monies and assets of the Chapter shall revert to the American Legion Post 108.

XI. Committees

- A. A Finance committee shall be established as the Chapter's Standing Committee, and shall consist of the Treasurer (Chairman), Director, and such other members as the Director may appoint. The primary duty of the Finance Committee shall be to oversee the finances of the chapter and to recommend expenditures, and/or fund-raising opportunities to the chapter membership.
- B. The Director may appoint such standing or special committees as he shall deem advisable for the benefit of the membership of the Chapter as a whole.
- C. By a majority vote of the Chapter Officers present and voting, the Chapter Officers may appoint such standing or special committees as they shall deem advisable for the benefit of the membership of the Chapter as a whole.

- D. By a majority vote of the Chapter Members present and voting, the Chapter Members may appoint such standing or special committees as they shall deem advisable for the benefit of the membership of the Chapter as a whole.

## XII. Uniform

- A. The ALR is a program of the American Legion and is not a “motorcycle club”; and as such the members are representatives of The American Legion. It is required that members dress in a manner that promotes a positive image for The American Legion, particularly when operating in group activities or interacting with the community. Motorcycle club is defined as an organization using the term “MC” or “Motorcycle Club” in its name or as part of its patch or is commonly known as such. No pins or patches showing support for motorcycle clubs or their support organizations shall be worn on the American Legion Riders vest or jacket or on any other apparel while wearing the American Legion Riders vest or jacket.
- B. Patches and pins containing profanity or representing lewd, sexual, violent, and/or other such behavior/subjects will not be worn by members when they are engaged in an ALR activity or when wearing the ALR patch. Prohibited patches include Property, MC, and 1% patches. Dual membership may not be worn on the ALR Vest or Jacket. If any doubts exist about the placement or appropriateness of patches and pins, the membership shall make a ruling.
- C. No patch or insignia shall be worn that brings disrespect to the American Legion, American Legion Riders, or the American Flag. The only authorized ALR logo patch are those that are sold through the American Legion Emblem Sales. Optional rockers to be displayed on the back of the ALR vest **may** be obtained through the chapter’s accepted source(s) (see appendix).
- D. A cover or cap bearing the name or logo of the ALR, or of a member’s parent organization (Legion, Squadron or Auxiliary) or a military service branch shall be the only allowed headwear at all official Chapter meetings.
- E. The Sergeant-At-Arms shall be responsible for adherence to the Uniform Bylaws.

## XIII. Amendments to Bylaws

- A. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular Chapter meeting by a vote of two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the members attending such regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the Chapter members in writing and provided further, that written notice shall have been given to all members at least five (5) days in advance of the proposed amendments and the dates when such amendments are to be read and voted upon.

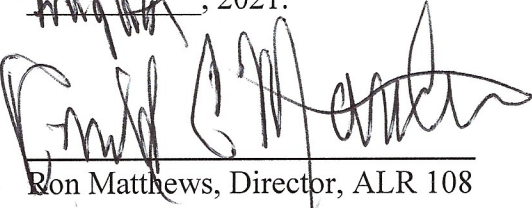


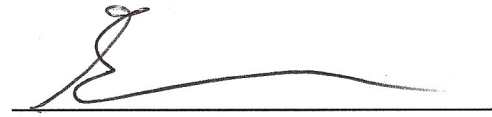
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B. Any amendments to these by-laws are subject to the approval of Post 108 Executive Board.

These Amended Bylaws were approved by a unanimous vote of ALR Chapter 108 on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, approved by the Executive Board of Post 108 on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 15 day of ~~August~~, 2021.

  
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Ron Matthews, Director, ALR 108

  
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Gary Taylor, Commander, Post 108

**APPENDIX**

Chapter Patch Resources:

American Legion Emblem Sales  
<https://emblem.legion.org/>  
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