



# CONSTITUTION

## American Legion Riders Tum Tum Chapter #168

The American Legion  
Department of Washington

### 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 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, Tum Tum Chapter #168.

### 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 members, collectively "The American Legion Family," who share an interest in motorcycling.

**Section 2.** The American Legion Riders 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."

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**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 at either the department or the post, and each chapter exists at the discretion of the sponsoring post/department. 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 basic membership in The American Legion Riders 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 American Legion Riders 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 chapter of The American Legion Riders.

**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.** Upon a majority vote of the chapter membership ALR members may be accepted for support roles (Support Vehicle for example) that do not currently own a motorcycle. They must still meet all eligibility requirements that do not directly pertain to motorcycle ownership as long as they do not own a motorcycle.

**Section 7.** 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.

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**Section 8.** All members will obey the motor vehicle laws in any state in which they are operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger.

#### **ARTICLE V — WEAR OF AMERICAN LEGION EMBLEM**

**Section 1.** The American Legion Riders 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.

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

**Section 1.** The recommended officers of the Chapter are Director, Assistant Director, Secretary/Treasurer, Sergeant - at - Arms/Safety Officer, Historian, and Chaplain elected annually. The Director may appoint Road Captains and will work with the safety officer to determine training requirements that must be met prior to permanent assignment as a chapter Road Captain.

**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 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 fixed and determined by the chapter.

**Section 3.** 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 conflicts with

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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 immediately 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.

Presented for first reading to the Chapter at regular meeting on Dec, 5, 2019.

Second reading to the Chapter at a regular meeting had on Jan, 2, 2020.


Adopted by the Chapter on Feb, 6, 2020.

  
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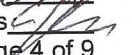
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Adjutant

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