AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION
FLORIDA CHAPTER 233
PALM VALLEY, FLORIDA

OBJECTIVE

We are 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.

We will uphold the principles of The American Legion and conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions of the department, post, or other duly constituted governing body.

. Our members will 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.

We will strive to improve the public's perception of the motorcycling community by promoting the honorable nature of service to one's community, state and nation through the sport of motorcycling.

BY-LAWS

Name

The Chapter existing under these By-Laws is to be known as American Legion Riders, Post 233, Palm Valley, and Department of Florida.

Membership

Membership requires a good standing membership with The American legion, or it's Auxiliary, and or it's Son's of the American Legion. Congruent members from neighboring posts, who are not members of an American Legion Rider's chapter, are welcome into ours!

Annual dues of $25.00 are required upon our first scheduled meeting each January. Dues are <u>not</u> prorated throughout the year.

Lifetime membership will be awarded to individuals who pay $100.00 dues within the first year after the date of approval of our Chapter, and this offer will expire on January 31st, 2013.

Individuals with opportunity to choose the "lifetime membership" will have status as a "Charter/Founding Member" of Post 233, and will bestow a gold ring/border, and two gold stars on our Rider's patch.

A motorcycle is not mandatory for general membership.

Management

The officers of the Chapter shall be Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Road Captain,

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,

Officers of this Chapter shall be elected annually in January, at the first scheduled meeting of the month, 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 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 by the hosting post or department.

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 Executive Committee.

Meetings

The regular meeting of the Chapter shall be held on the first Sunday of each month, in Post 233 at 11:00am., 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.

The Chapter Director or a majority of the Executive Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the Chapter at any time.

Upon the written request of 2 members, the Executive Committee shall call a special meeting of the Chapter.

Duties of Officers

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. 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. MOTORCYCLE MANDATORY!

Duties of Assistant Director. The Assistant Director shall assume and discharge the duties of the office of commander in the absence or disability of, or when called upon by the chapter director. MOTORCYCLE MANDATORY!

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.

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 officer of the hosting post or department, shall be signatory on approvals for all checks disbursing the monies of the chapter. The Treasurer prepares the chapter's monthly financial report for the sponsoring department/post.

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. MOTORCYCLE MANDATORY!

Duties of the Sergeant-at-arms. The Sergeant-at-arms shall preserve order at meetings and gatherings; attain attendance at every meeting, introduce guest and new members, assist the Road Captain 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. MOTORCYCLE MANDATORY!

Duties of Chapter Chaplain. The Chapter 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.

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.

Finances

Finances of this Chapter will be from Association membership dues or such other sources, as approved by the membership.
A financial report will be provided quarterly to the post 233 Commander.
Disbursement of funds will be only those authorized at any regular meeting of the Chapter.
As a Post-Level Activity of the American Legion, the Chapter enjoys the tax exempt status of the Post and must manage its finances in accordance with applicable Federal(IRS), State, and local laws applicable to nonprofit organizations.

Expulsion

Any member may be expelled or suspended from the Chapter by a majority vote of the general membership at a regular Chapter meeting.
Such expulsion does not preclude the individual from joining at another Chapter.
The individual is no longer a member of the ALR upon expulsion from a Chapter; unless or until said individual is a member in good standing with another Chapter.
Any member no longer fulfilling the requirements of "Membership" is immediately expelled from full membership in the ALR until such time the requirements as outlined in "Membership" are again fulfilled.

Governing Rules

These By-Laws along with The American Legion, INC, Department of Florida, American Legion Riders, and Motorcycle Association By-Laws will be adopted as governing Chapter 233.
These By-Laws shall be no less stringent, nor can they be in any conflict with the National Constitution, the By-Laws of The American Legion, or the By-Laws of The American Legion Post 233.
Acknowledge that this is an activity of The American Legion Post 233.
The Chapter shall provide a quarterly report to The American Legion Post 233 as to activities and a financial report.

American Legion Rider's Patch

The official insignia of The American Legion, Department of Florida, American Legion Riders is the one approved by National Emblem Sales.
The emblem my contain;
"Florida Chapter" at the bottom of the patch in gold
Chapter number at the bottom of the patch in gold
A gold border indicating a Charter/founding Member of our Chapter 233
Two gold stars, one on either side of the word "American", indicating a life member
City name of Chapter location at the very top of the patch
No change can be made without approval of The Florida Dept. American Legion
A rocker cannot be placed on or near the emblem
Transfer members may wear the existing emblems if met by all standers set forth.

Notices

Every member shall furnish the Chapter Secretary with a valid email or postal mailing address.

The Chapter Secretary shall cause notice of the annual election to be given at least two weeks prior thereto.

Rules of Order

All proceedings of this Chapter shall be conducted under and pursuant to Roberts' Rules of Order!

Amendments

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.

Written or electronically transmitted notice to the addresses of record 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.

Any amendments will be reported to the sponsoring department or post, and such amendments will not be effective until approved by the sponsoring department or post.

Robt A. Bacon Jr. Commander #23
Patsy O'Callahan ADJ
1st Vice Cmdr
Fin
Sgt of Arms
Canteen Mgr.

Approved as written 1/31/12