



## **POST 141**

**3265 West Grand River Avenue, Howell, Michigan 48855 (517) -546-2534**

Mission: To participate in parades and other ceremonies that are in keeping with the aims and purposes of the American Legion. To promote motorcycle safety programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interests. To use our Association to promote and support programs of the American Legion, our nations' veterans, and veteran families.

### By-Laws:

#### I. MEMBERSHIP:

##### A. Regular Membership: There are three requirements.

1. Be a current member of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion (See figure 1).
2. Owner or Spouse/Partner of owner of a motorcycle of at least 500 cc in size. Provide proof of ownership and insurance when applying for membership as required by state law.
3. Emblem and bottom rocker patches must be purchased from the Chapter.

Membership Type	Patch	Description	Vote	Annual Dues
Regular	Veteran	Member of the American Legion; and 1. Owns a motorcycle of at least 500 cc in size; or 2. Spouse/Partner of motorcycle owner	Yes	Yes
	Squadron	Member of the Sons of the American Legion; and 1. Owns a motorcycle of at least 500 cc in size; or 2. Spouse/Partner of motorcycle owner		
	Auxiliary	Member of the American Legion Auxiliary; and 1. Owns a motorcycle of at least 500 cc in size; or 2. Spouse/Partner of motorcycle owner		
Honorary	Honorary	Member of the American Legion, Sons of American Legion, or American Legion Auxiliary; and Does not own or ride a motorcycle	No	No

figure 1

II. OTHER MEMBERSHIP TYPES:

- A. A member may continue membership (with full membership privileges) if you fail to meet membership requirements of Section I (A.2) pursuant to the following and subject to the approval of General Membership.
  - 1. Death of a spouse who was the owner of the motorcycle as defined in Section I (A.2).
  - 2. Disability which prevents someone from physically being able to operate a motorcycle.
  - 3. For (1&2) above, must have been a regular member and/or spouse, partner in good standing, for at least one riding year.
  - 4. Someone who has been a member of ALR Post 141 for 10 consecutive years and has reached the age of 55 is entitled to the distinction of "Life Member" membership. Membership may continue without regard to section I (A.2) for the rest of their life and payment of local chapter dues will be waived.
  - 5. They must continue to meet the requirements of Section I (A.1).
  
- B. ALR Post 141 may, at the discretion of the General Membership, elect by majority vote at a regular membership meeting, an Honorary Membership (see figure 1) to an individual or persons under the following guidelines:
  - 1. The individual meets all requirements of Sections I (A.1) of the American Legion membership.

2. These memberships are to be known as "HONORARY" memberships. If the American Legion Rider back patches are granted to these "HONORARY" members, they must contain a bottom rocker so as to clearly identify the class of membership. Shirts or other wearing apparel, which bear the American Legion Rider emblem, should contain the words "HONORARY".
3. Current American Legion post 141 Commander shall maintain "HONORARY" membership, if not already an ALR member.
4. These memberships are not required to pay full annual dues to ALR Post 141 and have no voting privileges.

III. MEETINGS:

- A. Meetings will be held at Post 141, Howell MI on the **FIRST** Wednesday of the month at 7: 00 PM. Five members being present shall constitute a quorum. (At least two officers).
- B. While attending a meeting or event members must display the American Legion Rider patch (Emblem).
- C. All patches will be worn on a leather or denim vest or jacket.
- D. "Howell Post 141" (top rocker) is the property of the American Legion Rider Post and must be surrendered upon the removal of a member, either voluntary or by expulsion.
- E. While riding, protective riding gear must be worn in accordance with state law.

IV. ELECTIONS:

- A. The election of Chapter Officers shall be held annually at the December meeting (the first Wednesday in December) by a majority vote.
- B. Nominations will be held at the November meeting and again at the December meeting prior to the election.
- C. Nominees / Officers shall have participated in at least five events and or rides, not to include meetings within the last year.

V. DUES:

- A. Dues shall be \$20.00 a year and shall be paid by the first meeting of the calendar year.

VI. CHAPTER OFFICERS SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Elected Positions:

- A. Director
- B. Assistant-Director
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Sergeant at Arms
- F. Chaplain

Appointed Positions:

- G. Road Captain(s)
- H. Membership Officer
- I. Rider Service Officer

VII. DUTIES OF CHAPTER OFFICERS:

- A. DIRECTOR: The Director shall serve as Chief Administrative Officer of the Chapter and will preside over all meetings. The Director shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Chapter and shall perform other duties as necessary or as directed by the membership. The Director position shall be limited to 2 consecutive years.
- B. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: The Assistant Director will assume the duties of the Director in the Director's absence. The Assistant Director will also assist the Director in the performance of the Director's duties when called on to do so by the Director.
- C. SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep a full and correct record of all proceedings at Chapter meetings. If there is no Membership Officer, the Secretary shall keep membership records.
- D. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall have charge of all finances of the Chapter. This includes the disbursing of funds as directed by the General Membership. The Treasurer shall give detailed financial reports at each regular meeting. Copies of the financial reports shall be furnished to the sponsoring Post upon reasonable request.

- E. SGT. AT ARMS: The Sergeant at Arms is responsible for keeping good order during the meetings and is authorized to remove any person who prevents the meeting from operating in good order.
- F. CHAPLAIN: The Chaplain shall assist in the religious welfare of the Chapter.
- G. ROAD CAPTAIN(S): The Road Captain(s) shall oversee organized runs for the Chapter, organize and or participate in at least two rides per season. They may, at their discretion, appoint Assistant Road Captains or take other measures they think are reasonable and necessary to ensure the safety of the group during a run. The Lead Road Captain shall be appointed by the Director. The Director and Lead Road Captain shall appoint other Road Captains as needed for the Chapter.
- H. MEMBERSHIP OFFICER: The Membership Officer shall be responsible for keeping membership records and rosters. The Membership Officer shall welcome new members and provide them with copies of the By-Laws and group ride information. The Membership Officer is also responsible for outreach to find new members.
- I. RIDER SERVICE OFFICER: The Rider Service Officer shall focus on veteran relief opportunities and charitable efforts for the American Legion Riders.

VIII. FINANCES:

- A. The finances of ALR Post 141 shall be from membership dues and/or such other sources as approved by membership.
- B. ALR Post 141 is a non-profit organization that may only disburse funds in a manner that is in keeping with all local, state, and national laws regarding non-profit organizations.
- C. Disbursement of funds will only be those authorized at any regular Chapter meeting where there is a quorum. The amount given shall be determined by a majority of the membership present. **At the discretion of the Director and Treasurer, an amount not to exceed \$100 may be authorized without a regular Chapter meeting.**

IX. EXPULSION:

- A. Any member may be expelled or suspended from ALR Post 141, for cause, by a majority vote of the Membership Board at a meeting where a quorum is present.

- B. A member, except those approved by general membership must attend at least two meetings and two Chapter activities a year to remain in good standing. Failure to do so may be cause for expulsion.
- C. The Director or his appointed representative shall be responsible for contacting anyone that has been removed as a member, whether voluntarily or by expulsion, to ensure the "Howell Post 141" (top rocker) patch is returned and to offer to purchase the American Legion Rider patch from said individual.

X. CHAPTER ORGNIZATION:

- A. ALR Post 141 is sponsored by a local American Legion Post. ALR Post 141 members are not required to transfer their Post, Auxiliary, or SAL membership to the sponsoring Post.
- B. ALR Post 141 shall not participate in nor organize a program or event, which would be in direct conflict with the sponsoring Post.

XI. GOVERNING RULES:

- A. ALR Post 141 may elect to adopt a set of standing rules to govern its membership. These standing rules may be no less stringent than those contained in these by-laws, nor can they be in conflict with the National Constitution and by-laws of The American Legion, The Department of Michigan, or the sponsoring Post.

XII. ORDER:

- A. All meetings will be conducted under "Roberts Rules of Order".

**These by-laws were amended and approved June 7, 2023, by members of Michigan ALR Post 141 at a regular membership meeting.**

**Incorporated into this document are the recommended amendments by William Goldthwait/Assistant Director and by-laws committee for ALR Post 141.**