



POST 141

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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 350cc in size. Provide proof of ownership and insurance when applying for membership as required by state law. .
3. Emblem, bottom rocker, POW/MIA and American flag 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 350cc in size; or 2. Spouse/Partner of motorcycle owner; or 3. Dependent of motorcycle owner. | Yes | Yes |
| | Squadron | Member of the Sons of the American Legion; and 1. Owns a motorcycle of at least 350cc in size; or 2. Spouse/Partner of motorcycle owner; or 3. Dependent of motorcycle owner. | | |
| | Auxiliary | Member of the American Legion Auxiliary; and 1. Owns a motorcycle of at least 350cc in size; or 2. Spouse/Partner of motorcycle owner; or 3. Dependent of motorcycle owner. | | |
| Supporter | Supporter | 1 Spouse/Partner of motorcycle owner; or 2. Dependent of motorcycle owner | No | Yes |
| 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 as a special class member (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 and ownership has been relinquished due to disability (this would allow the spouse to continue membership under these conditions for special class membership).
3. For (1&2) above, must have been a regular member, in good standing, for at least one riding year.
4. Someone who has been a member for 10 consecutive years and has reached the age of 50 is entitled to the distinction of “Special Class 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).
6. At the discretion of the General Membership, a member in good standing who moves away from the local chapter may be considered a “Member-at-Large” as long as they maintain the requirements under Sections I and II as applicable.

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. These memberships are not required to pay full annual dues to ALR Post 141 and have no voting privileges.
- C. ALR Post 141 may, at its discretion of the General Membership, elect by a majority vote at a regular membership meeting a “Supporting” (see figure 1) membership to an individual or individuals pursuant to the following guidelines:
1. Ownership of a motorcycle is not required for election to “supporting” membership.
 2. An individual who does not meet the requirements of Section I. (A.1) is not eligible for membership in the American Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion; can still be elected a supporting member, and shall be required to pay full annual dues to ALR Post 141 but no voting privileges.
 3. These memberships are to be recognized as supporting only and will only be granted to those persons who have demonstrated themselves to be assets to the organization and excelled in promoting the aims and purposes of the American Legion Riders.
 4. Supporting members of ALR Post 141 shall not be eligible for nomination to elected office.
 5. American Legion Riders back patches shall be granted to and purchased by supporting members, which contain a bottom “rocker” which states the words "Supporter" so as to clearly identify the class of membership. Shirts or other wearing apparel which contain the American Legion Riders emblem should also contain the words “Supporting Member”, “Support”, or “Supporter”.

III. MEETINGS:

- A. Meetings will be held at Post 141, Howell MI on the **FIRST** Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM. Five members being present shall constitute a quorum. (At least two officers).

- B. While attending a meeting, members must display the American Legion Rider patch (Emblem). Failure to do so will result in a Five-dollar (\$5.00) fine being assessed.
- 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 up the removal of a member, either voluntary or by expulsion.
- E. While riding, protective riding gear must be worn to include helmet.

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.

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:

- A. Director
- B. Assistant-Director
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Road Captain(s)
- F. Sergeant at Arms
- G. Chaplain

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.
- 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 Committee Chair, 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. ROAD CAPTIAN(S): The Road Captain(s) shall be in charge of organized runs of the Chapter. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. CHAPLAIN: The Chaplain shall assist in the religious welfare of the Chapter.

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 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 at a regular meeting where a quorum is present.

- B. A member, except those approved for “Member-at-Large,” must attend at least one meeting and one Chapter activity 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. RESIDENCY:

- A. Each Chapter is known by the state in which the majority of its members reside. Chapters may be further broken down into District and Post (i.e., ALR Michigan Chapter 141, 6th District, Howell Post 141).

XII. GOVERNING RULES:

- A. Each Chapter 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.

XIII. ORDER:

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

These by-laws were amended and approved June 6, 2007 by members of Michigan ALR Chapter 141 at a regular membership meeting.

On February 4, 2020; Roger Deaton/Secretary for ALR Post 141 Duplicated the standing “File Copy” in order to have a clean, new, and electronic copy of the current approved by-laws dated June 6, 2007 - and used the “Black and White ALR Logo” for ease of copying in the future.