

American Legion Riders Chapter 639
By-Laws

Article I - Membership

Section 1. There are two recognized classes for membership in American Legion Riders Chapter 639, full members and honorary members.

a. Full members. Full members must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Must be a current member in good standing with the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or the Sons of the American Legion, hereafter know as sponsoring organizations.
- (2) Must be the registered owner of a motorcycle of at least 500cc that is licensed and insured in accordance with Missouri law, or be the spouse of the member who is the registered owner. The motorcycle must be in sound mechanical condition and be able to maintain highway speeds.
- (3) Each member must have a valid drivers license with a motorcycle endorsement or a motorcycle permit in accordance with Missouri Law.

b. Honorary members:

- (1) Honorary members will be nominated at a regularly scheduled meeting of the chapter. Approval for membership shall be by majority vote of the members present. Honorary memberships must be re-voted on each year during the January meeting.
- (2) Honorary members may attend all chapter activities including meetings but have no voting rights.

Section 2. Each prospective new member shall show the Membership Coordinator their drivers license with motorcycle endorsement or permit to operate a motorcycle in accordance with Missouri Law, their current Proof of Insurance card, their current motorcycle registration, and membership in a sponsoring organization at the time they submit their application for membership in Chapter 639.

Section 3. Full Members shall show the Membership Coordinator their drivers license with motorcycle endorsement or permit to operate a motorcycle in accordance with Missouri Law, their current Proof of Insurance card, their current motorcycle registration, and membership in a sponsoring organization at the time of their annual membership renewal.

Section 4. Each prospective new member shall serve six months as a conditional member after which a majority vote of the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting shall determine full membership status.

Section 5. The chapter members are not required to be a member of the sponsoring post.

Article II - Disciplinary Policy

Section 1. A member may receive sanctions from the American Legion Riders Executive Board for conduct un-becoming a Legionnaire, SAL, Auxiliary, and/or American Legion Rider member.

- a. The level of sanction will be determined after an investigation by the American Legion Riders Executive Board and shall be consistent with the level of infraction.
- b. The American Legion Riders shall honor any sanction a member receives from their sponsoring organization.
- c. The American Legion Riders Executive Board may further sanction a member in relation to American Legion Riders activities.

Section 2. A member may have their membership revoked after a recommendation by a majority vote of American Legion Riders Executive Board and a 2/3 vote by the attending membership at a general membership monthly meeting.

- a. The Executive Board shall make a reasonable effort to notify all American Legion Riders members via mail of the up-coming vote at the next monthly meeting.
- b. If a membership is revoked he/she shall surrender their American Legion Rider back patch and be reimbursed \$25.00.

Article III - Chapter Officers

Section 1. Elected positions and duties:

- a. Director. The Director shall be the Executive head of the American Legion Riders Chapter. He/she shall be responsible for promoting the American Legion Riders programs within the chapter.
- b. Vice Director. The Vice Director shall directly represent the Director in all matters referred to him/her. He/she shall preside over meetings at the Directors request or absence.
- c. Secretary. The Secretary will be charged with administrative duties required in carrying out the policies and mandates of the American Legion Riders.
- d. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be the direct custodian of the Chapter funds and will maintain financial records. He/she will give a detailed financial report at monthly meetings.
- e. Sergeant-at-Arms / Ride Coordinator. The Sergeant-at-Arms / Ride Coordinator will be responsible for maintaining order at meetings and events. He/she shall plan and organize chapter rides and runs.
- f. Membership Coordinator. The Membership Coordinator shall be responsible for maintaining an up to date membership roster with contact information and membership status. He/she will verify each member's license, registration, insurance and sponsoring organization membership when accepting their membership application and each year during membership renewal.

Section 2. The following positions and duties shall be appointed by the Director:

- g. Chaplain. The Chaplain shall perform such divine and non-sectarian services as may be necessary, adhering to such ceremonial rituals as may be prescribed by the American Legion.
- h. Historian. The Historian shall collect all records and data of value and interest to the Riders. He/she shall record activities of the chapter and members.
- i. Judge Advocate. The Judge Advocate shall provide advice in the conduct of all official meetings of the Riders. He/she shall be the guardian of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3. An Executive Board will be established consisting of the following officers: Director, Vice Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The Membership Coordinator shall be a member of the Executive Board if the Secretary and Treasurer positions are held by the same person. The Director shall preside over Executive Board meetings and will only vote in the event of a tie vote.

Section 4. Nominations for office shall be taken during the October and November general meetings. Elections shall be held during the November general meeting. Elected and appointed officers will take office during the December general meeting.

Section 5. Any officer may be removed from office for cause by a 2/3 majority vote of members present at a general meeting.

Section 6. In the event the Director is no longer able to continue his duties the Vice Director will assume the duties of Director until a new Director can be voted on at the next general meeting. In the event any other position is vacated the Director will appoint a successor to that position.

Article IV – Meetings

General meetings shall be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at American Legion Post 639 at 18:30, unless otherwise notified.

Article V - Finances

Section 1. Dues will be \$20.00 per calendar year. In accordance with State ALR Article XII, paragraph 4, any member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January 1 will be classified as delinquent. A delinquent member shall be automatically reinstated if dues are paid by February 1. Dues for honorary members are the same as full members.

Section 2. A checking account will be held with the names of four officers on the account. Two non-related names will be required to issue any checks on the account.

Section 3. Purchases by the Executive Board are limited to \$100.00 for operating expenses without general membership approval.

Section 4. The Chapter will pay dues on any member who is in the U.S. Military and serving in a war zone.

Article VI - Patch Requirements

Section 1. The American Legion Riders patch shall be the dominant patch on the back of the garment it is displayed on.

Section 2. ALR patches will be ordered by the Chapter Secretary from American Legion Sales.

Section 3. Members will buy their own patches from the Chapter only.

Section 4. Only pins and patches in "Good Taste" will be worn on members' vests or jackets.

Article VII - Charter Members

The first 25 members to join will be Charter Members. See enclosure 1.

Article VIII - Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any general meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the preceding general meeting.

Enclosure 1 to American Legion Riders Chapter 639 Rules & Regulations
Charter Members

Number	Date	Name
1	February 1, 2006	Gregg Routh
2	February 1, 2006	Donna Routh
3	February 1, 2006	Buckley Van Hooser
4	February 1, 2006	James Coleman
5	February 1, 2006	Gayla Coleman
6	February 1, 2006	Harvey Williams
7	February 1, 2006	Delores Williams
8	February 1, 2006	Marvin Woods
9	February 1, 2006	Jim Sentlinger
10	February 1, 2006	David Smith
11	February 1, 2006	David Williams
12	March 15, 2006	Leland McGee
13	March 15, 2006	Mike Chandler
14	March 19, 2006	Ron Jackson
15	March 19, 2006	Michael Dunn
16	March 19, 2006	Bill Erwin
17	March 19, 2006	Ken Sandridge
18	March 19, 2006	Lee Boler
19	March 19, 2006	Jack McKee
20	March 19, 2006	Mike Miller
21	March 19, 2006	Kathy Van Hooser
22	March 19, 2006	Debra Brown
23	March 19, 2006	Rusty Shalla
24	March 19, 2006	Carrie Shalla
25	March 31, 2006	Mark Jackson