

James Harvey Spire Post 787



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 787 • CICERO, NY

Purpose

To participate in parades and other ceremonies that keep within 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 interest. Our Association is used to promote and support programs of the American Legion.

BY LAWS

As Approved

14 June 2011

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

There are two requirements for membership into the American Legion Riders, which are listed as A and B below:

- A. Must be a current member in good standing of **the *American Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion.*** (This shall be known as the American Legion Family)
1. 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
 2. Members will not -at any time- hold membership in more than one chapter of The American Legion Riders.
- B. You must be the legally registered owner of a motorcycle of at least 500 cc in size (Unless approved by the Sgt-at-Arms) **or** be the spouse of the owner who is a Legion Rider Member of Cicero, NY Post 787 (ALR787) and meeting the requirements of **Article I A.**
- C. Association "Support Members" are authorized and must be voted in during an ALR787 monthly meeting. The supporting type members do not constitute actual membership in the American Legion Riders. These members will be non-voting members. The nature of this membership is to provide recognition to those who show strong support to the ALR787. These supporting members must still meet the requirements of Sections I,A. Individuals are authorized to wear the US Flag and Small ALR787 patch in the same placement of a regular ALR787 member. Also required is a "Supporter" rocker patch, placed underneath the Small ALR787 patch. These members are not authorized to wear the large ALR787 Back Patch. Legion Commander will be presented -for life- with an ALR787 coin inscribed with "CMDR" recognizing his/her position in the Legion. If he/she continues being a Support Member, annual dues will be required accordance with Article VI, Part B.

All operators must be properly licensed and insured per state laws. Further, all members will obey the motor vehicle laws in any state in which they are operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger.

ARTICLE II OFFICERS

The elected officers shall be known as the **Executive Committee or the Board of Directors**

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Sgt at Arms / Run Coordinator

Other positions (not officers) may be appointed, such as Historian, Chaplain, Webmaster, Photographer, etc.

ARTICLE III ELECTIONS

Election of chapter officers will be held annually during the November General Membership Meeting. Elected officers shall take effect at the January meeting. There is no term limit of office.

ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Duties of Officers

- A. **President:** Will serve as Chief Administrative Officer of the Association and will preside over all meetings; shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Association and shall perform such other duties as directed by the general membership.
- B. **Vice President:** Will assume the duties of the President in the President's absence and assist the President when called on to do so by the President.

- C. **Secretary:** Will keep a full and correct record of all proceeding at the meetings as may be required by the general membership and give detailed minutes at each regular meeting.
- D. **Treasurer:** Will have charge of all finances of the Association, have charge of disbursing funds as directed by the general membership and give detailed financial reports at each regular meeting. (Copies will be furnished to our sponsoring Post if requested.) Payments and Checks will be disbursed as directed by the board and/or membership. All disbursement of funds in excess of \$200.00 shall be approved by the membership, unless it is an expense of a fund-raising committee using already contributed and allocated funds. Either the Treasurer OR the President is required to sign checks.
- E. **Sgt. at Arms/Run Coordinator:** Will be the logistics person in charge of organized runs of the Association, will determine dates, times, routes and meeting places for those taking part in a run activity. This officer may, at his discretion, appoint assistant road captains or take any other measures felt necessary to help insure the safety of the group during a run. This office will help to maintain order during chapter meetings and insure membership status at meeting sign-in.
- F. **Historian:** Will keep a running history of the Cicero ALR Association, by keeping photos of events, etc.
- G. **Membership Chairman:** Must be an ALR787 officer, will keep accurate records of the Association's membership and shall collect and record dues and report monthly to the President of current membership information.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Meetings

Meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm. Generally, all meetings will be held at the Cicero American Legion Post 787; however, a ride to a meeting place may be designated by the board. Seven members will constitute a quorum. Alcohol will not be permitted.

ARTICLE VI FINANCES

Finances

- A. Finances will be from Association membership dues or such other sources, as approved by the membership.
- B. Dues are set at \$22.00 for a new member and new Support Member, which includes the 4" ALR787 small patch and the left shoulder flag patch. Numbered coins are at \$10.00 and each member is highly encouraged to purchase his/her number. Annual dues of \$12.00 are due in January of each year. Failure to pay dues by the March meeting will remove membership. Reinstatement will require payment of annual dues.

ARTICLE VII BEHAVIOR

Behavior

- A. During Rides: Drinking of any alcohol will not be tolerated.
- B. Disrespect to other Riders and Drivers while wearing ALR787 apparel or in our Ride Group will not be tolerated.
- C. Foolish, erratic, stunts, etc while wearing ALR787 Apparel or in our Ride Group will not be tolerated.

ARTICLE VIII EXPULSION

Expulsion – All disciplinary actions will be dealt with by the Executive Committee.

- A. Any member may be expelled or suspended from the Association by a majority vote of the general membership at a regular Chapter meeting for disloyalty, dishonesty and/or conduct unbecoming of a member of the American Legion Family. Such member may not attend regular meetings.
- B. Suspensions – Temporary: Member may not wear back patch but may attend functions.
- C. Expulsion – Permanent: Back patch must be returned. The ALR787 will pay \$15.00 for the returned patch, so long as it is still usable.

ARTICLE IX GOVERNING RULES

Governing Rules

This Association may elect to adopt a set of standing rules to govern its membership, or, at the Chapter's discretion, amend these By Laws. These standing rules, or by law amendments shall be no less stringent than those contained in these By Laws, nor can they be in any conflict with the National constitution and By Laws of the American Legion, or that of the Cicero Post 787 American Legion.

ARTICLE X DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Disbursement of Funds

Disbursement of funds will be only those authorized at any regular meeting of this Chapter. This Association is a non-profit organization and may only disburse funds in a manner that is in keeping with all local, state and national laws regarding non-profit organizations.

ARTICLE XI ORDER

Order

All meetings will be conducted under the "Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XII APPAREL

Apparel

- A. The left shoulder-American Flag must be worn at the highest point on the left front side of the vest or jacket, or top left sleeve of the Rider's garment.
- B. All Association members will be required to display at least the small Association ALR787 patch on a denim or leather vest or jacket. The patch will be located on the front upper right side, but displayed lower than the American flag. ALR787 Members attending meetings or events must wear our ALR787 patch, T-shirt or ball cap with the ALR logo or pay a \$1.00 fine.
- C. The large back patch is mandatory for the ALR787 Officers and optional for ALR787 membership. The back patch designed by Diane Kaledas is the only back patch recognized by the ALR. Patches are to be purchased only from the ALR787 Executive Committee.
- D. All Elected Officers of the ALR787 will wear the back patch at all American Legion and ALR Events or pay a \$3.00 fine on each occurrence.
- E. Members that are not current in their dues and membership requirements, are NOT authorized to wear any of the ALR787 colors or represent themselves as a Member of the ALR787, Cicero, NY.

