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Department Of Virginia American Legion Riders Rules and Procedures

BACKGROUND

The American Legion Riders (ALR) is a program of The American Legion. Members of the ALR come from The American Legion, The Sons of the American Legion, and The American Legion Auxiliary, collectively "The American Legion Family", who share an interest in motorcycling. They can be found taking part in parades, partaking in motorcycle events and supporting the communities in which they live and work.

The American Legion Riders is formed to promote the aims and purposes of The American Legion as a family-oriented motorcycling activity.

The American Legion Riders chapters shall abide by the American Legion National Constitution and By-laws as well as their established Post, District and Department directives. The American Legion National Headquarters and the American Legion Department of Virginia shall maintain general oversight of the American Legion Riders program.

Resolution Number 5 passed by the National Executive Committee on May 5-6, 2021 (see attachment 1), shall provide overall guidelines for the American Legion Riders program. The Department of Virginia provides guidelines for this program through the American Legion Rider subcommittee and this document. The ALR is a subcommittee of the Department of Virginia's Internal Affairs Committee (IAC). The IAC therefore reserves the right to interpret, deviate from or alter the guidelines put forth in this document as it deems necessary to be in the best interest of the Department of Virginia.

ARTICLE I DEPARTMENT ALR SUBCOMMITTEE

Purpose: To ensure The American Legion Riders (ALR) operate in accordance with the Department of Virginia rules and procedures and operate within the guidelines of Resolution 5, passed 5-6 May 2021, and any subsequent resolutions as adopted at the National Executive Committee.

Section 1: Membership

The subcommittee shall consist of the following twenty (20) members: Chairman; Vice Chairman; Adjutant; Northern Region Director; Assistant Northern Region Director; Eastern Region Director; Assistant Eastern Region Director; Western Region Director; Assistant Western Region Director; Safety Officer; six (6) members at large, new chapter advisor, Chairman Emeritus, Past Department Commander (PDC) Advisor and a Special Projects Consultant.

Section 2: Qualifications: Must be a Legionnaire in good standing of The American Legion or a member of the Legion Family within the Department of Virginia.

Section 3: Selection of Subcommittee Members

- a. Currently serving subcommittee Chairman should ask for nominations and volunteers for all subcommittee offices in its meeting at the American Legion Spring Conference. The proposed slate of officers, containing a minimum of one (1) nominee per position, should then be submitted to the Department of Virginia Internal Affairs Committee on Committees by 15 May for approval.
- b. Final subcommittee membership appointments are made by the Commander, Department of Virginia.
- c. All members of the subcommittee are expected to attend the Spring and Fall Department of Virginia Conferences and other scheduled meetings as directed by the Chairman.

Section 4: Duties and Terms

a. Chairman:

- 1. Charged with the overall supervision of the subcommittee and the American Legion Riders program in the Department of Virginia, reporting directly to the Chairman, Internal Affairs Committee.
- 2. Serves a maximum of two (2) consecutive years. He/she can serve again after at least one (1) year out of the position.
- 3. Sets the agenda for all meetings of the subcommittee.
- 4. Monitors to ensure all Chapters are following the Rules and Procedures as set forth by the Department.
- 5. Monitors to ensure all functions participated in by the Chapters are within the guidelines set forth by The American Legion, Department of Virginia, and the National Organization.
- 6. Monitors to ensure that the good name of the American Legion is not tarnished in any way by actions of Legion Riders or Legion Rider Chapters that could be perceived as detrimental to our image in our community.
- 7. Monitors to ensure all necessary reports are submitted in a timely manner to the Chairman of Internal Affairs in the approved standard format.
- 8. Ensures the American Legion Rider of the Year (ALROY) program is executed (see attachment 2).
- 9. The Chairman shall attend all Department conferences and the annual Convention to present Rider activity summaries to the Executive Committee.

b. Vice Chairman:

- 1. Assists Chairman with monitoring Chapter operations.
- 2. May only serve as Vice Chairman for two (2) consecutive years. After a one (1) year break, individual can once again serve as Vice Chairman.
- 3. Shall assume the duties of the Chairman in his/her absence.
- 4. Maintain overall communication and responsibility for coordinating annual state rally location in conjunction with Regional Directors.

- 5. Assists Region Directors with de-conflicting events, as necessary to promote maximum participation across the Department of Virginia.
- 6. Oversees duties of the Safety Officer.

c. Adjutant:

- 1. Records minutes of all subcommittee activities.
- 2. Maintains copies of minutes and reports.
- 3. Handles all administrative functions and correspondence of the subcommittee at the direction of the Chairman.
- 4. The Adjutant may serve up to four (4) years in this position. If approved by the subcommittee an additional one (1) year can be added consecutively.

d. Regional Directors / Assistant Regional Directors:

- 1. Shall coordinate State rally with Vice Chairman.
- 2. Shall make reports to the Chairman no later than one (1) week prior to the Fall Conference, Spring Conference, and the Department Convention. Reports shall be submitted in standard Department reporting format covering all aspects of Chapter operations to include:
 - i. Membership breakdown by Legion Family status
 - ii. Total Post, Veteran and Community related activity with respect to:
 - (1) Total events.
 - (2) Hours / Mileage expended in support of Post, Veteran and community events and programs,
 - (3) Safety / Training and
 - (4) Funds donated.
- 3. The Regional Director shall:
 - i. designate personnel to serve as regional officers, to include two (2) Members At Large (MAL).
 - ii. The Regional Director shall also provide a recommendation for his/her successor to the Chairman.
- 4. Monitor to ensure all Chapters are following the Rules and Procedures as set forth by the Department of Virginia.

- 5. Responsible for ensuring the administration, operation and safety of the Chapters in their region and they are following guidelines set by the Department of Virginia and National Organization.
- 6. Visit as many chapters as possible within their region at least once annually per American Legion year.
- 7. Coordinates with the Advisory Consultant on Posts within their region that wish to sponsor an ALR Chapter. The Regional Director shall assist the Advisory Consultant in ensuring the Post understands all their requirements prior to the Department approving an ALR Chapter.
- 8. Represent Chapters within their Region at all subcommittee meeting.
- 9. After Department approves an ALR Charter for a Post, the Regional Director shall coordinate with sponsoring Post Commander, ALR subcommittee Chairman, Department Adjutant and District Commander to schedule the ALR Charter ceremony.
- 10. The Regional Director and Assistant Director would have a term limit of two (2) years in each position unless the subcommittee did not submit a name, or the individual submitted does not meet the criteria of the Internal Affairs Committee.

e. Safety Officer:

- 1. Provides safety information and public sources to riders.
- 2. Assists the Road Captains in educating members about "Group Riding" techniques.
- 3. The Safety Officer may serve two (2) consecutive years in the position and after one (1) year, they can hold the position again.
- 4. Retrieve accident reports from Chapter Directors and forward to Chairman and Vice Chairman.

f. Members at Large (MAL) / Liaisons:

- 1. There shall be a total of six (6) Members at Large, two (2) from each Region. Each member may serve a total of two (2) consecutive terms.
- 2. Their duties will include, but shall not be limited to:

- i. Representing the Department of Virginia ALR at District meetings.
- ii. Acting as Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA) for rider subcommittee meetings.
- iii. Performing other duties as assigned by the Regional Directors.
- 3. The Regional Directors will determine Member at Large attendance at District Meetings.

g. Advisory Consultant:

- 1. Advisor and consultant to the Chairman on the ALR.
- 2. Assist Posts considering sponsoring an ALR Chapter.
- 3. Ensures sponsoring Posts have the required number of qualified riders to start an ALR Chapter and continues to monitor their status through till the charter is issued.
- 4. Prepares charter for new chapters. Turns completed information over to Regional Directors for presentation scheduling.
- 5. Meets with sponsoring post leadership to ensure the post knows obligations of the sponsoring post and the ALR chapter's reporting requirements to both the sponsoring post and the Department ALR subcommittee Assist sponsoring post in setting up an ALR finance account and an ALR email address with the post as the administrator.
- 6. Provides applications and training material as required.
- 7. Coordinates administrative preparation of a new chapter charter with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Post Commander, Chapter Director, Department Adjutant, Department Commander, Regional Directors, Internal Affairs Committee Chairman and others as necessary.

Section 5: Meetings

- a. There may be up to two (2) official subcommittee meetings held annually as scheduled by the Department Adjutant. These meetings are held at the:
 - 1. Department Fall Conference and the
 - 2. Department Spring Conference.
- b. All subcommittee members are expected to attend the above events. In addition, the Chairman shall also attend the annual Convention for the

- purpose of reporting on Rider activity to the Department Executive Committee.
- c. Additional meetings may be called by the subcommittee Chairman at his/her discretion. Minutes of additional meetings shall be prepared by the subcommittee Adjutant.

Section 6: Committees

- a. The following appointments are to be established as directed by the Chairman and approved by the subcommittee.
 - 1. Media and Communications (for ALR social media)
 - 2. Ad-Hoc as required.

Section 7: Special Events

- a. There are several Department-wide ALR events held annually. The Regional Director will provide advisory assistance to Chapters supporting any Department-wide ALR event. These events include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. <u>Annual Rally</u>. This annual event is to bring chapters together for competition and camaraderie. It is not intended as an occasion for meetings. The event is conducted by a volunteer Post/Chapter selected each year, no later than the Fall Conference. The Vice Chairman will assist with coordination across regional boundaries for the Annual Rally. Other subcommittee members may provide or assist in providing other support.
 - 2. <u>Virginia Legacy Run (VLR)</u>. This event is conducted to bring chapters together as a department, to raise funds for the National American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. (NOTE: EFFECTIVE 31 OCTOBER 2023 ALL FUNDS COLLECTED WILL BE FOR DESIGNATED LEGION CHARATIES.) The ALR subcommittee will select a VLR Chair, and the Chair will select Legion Family members to fill committee positions, as needed, for the event. Route planning, sponsorship issues, fundraising, and execution shall be the sole responsibility of the VLR committee, working in conjunction with the subcommittee Safety Officer. Planning meetings will be held as required; following each a written summary will be provided to the

- ALR subcommittee Chair through the Adjutant. All other standard guidelines for American Legion activities apply.
- b. The Chair of any ALR subcommittee appointed committee conducting a fundraiser in the name of the American Legion, Department of Virginia, will work with the Chairman / Vice Chairman of the ALR subcommittee to ensure Department Internal Affairs is notified of the plans for handling of funds.

ARTICLE II AMERICAN LEGION RIDER CHAPTERS

Purpose: The purpose of the Rider Chapter is to support the programs of the American Legion Family by organizing and participating in charity events helping our veterans, their families and the local community by promoting motorcycle safety programs among Legion Family members that share a common interest in motorcycling. The ALR chapter should strive to represent the virtues, values, ethics and morals of the American Legion in support of freedom, democracy and the safety of our citizens.

Section 1: Establishment of Chapters

- a. Chapters must have a sponsoring Post.
- b. Chapters must have a minimum of six (6) qualified Riders.
- c. Chapters must take the Post number of the sponsoring Post. Any chapters with approved charters prior to July 2016 are grandfathered in and may retain their present name.
- d. The ALR subcommittee will ensure the proposed chapter will meet National and Department requirements. The ALR subcommittee will review the chapters' bylaws to ensure compliance with current National resolutions.
- e. The Post Commander will contact the appropriate Regional Director and Advisory Consultant in writing to indicate his/her desire to create a new rider chapter.

Section 2: Qualifications

- a. Perspective Chapter members must be a member in good standing of The American family and comply with the By Laws of the sponsoring Post.
- b. American Legion Family members may not at any time hold membership in more than one Chapter of the ALR.
- c. Each ALR member shall establish and maintain ALR membership by owning, individual or through marriage, a common-law marriage, a life partnership or long term relation, a motorcycle licensed and insured as required by the ALR member's state laws.
- d. Individual ALR Chapters may allow for continued membership for those members who have given up motorcycle ownership due to age, illness, injury, as stated in Resolution 5.
- e. Support members. Chapters may accept support members in accordance with their own guidelines.
 - 1. Support members must be Legion Family members under the guidelines of one of the three organizations.
 - 2. Supporting members shall have no voting rights at any Department-level ALR meetings.

Section 3: Organization

- a. It is understood that the finances of the chapter belong to the sponsoring Post and are administered under the direction of the Post Finance Officer and Executive Committee.
- b. The Rider Charter document is the property of the sponsoring Post-

Section 4: Officers. The following positions are recommended for:

- a. <u>Elected</u> officers: Director, Assistant Director, Adjutant, Treasurer, Ride Coordinator, and Safety Officer.
- b. <u>Appointed Officers</u>: Sergeant-At-Arms, Chaplain, Membership Chairman, Historian, Media and Communication, and other positions, as needed.

Section 5: Duties

a. Director:

- 1. Serves as Chief Administrative Officer of the Chapter and presides over all meetings.
- 2. Serves as liaison to the Executive Committee of sponsoring Post.
- 3. Supervises all affairs of the Chapter.
- 4. Coordinates with other ALR Officers at the Chapter, Region, and Department level.
- 5. Submits reports as required by the sponsoring Post, District, Region, and Department.

b. Assistant Director:

- 1. Perform such duties as directed by the Chapter Director.
- 2. Executes the duties of the Chapter Director during his/her absence or disability.

c. Adjutant:

- 1. Shall maintain membership records sufficient to establish:
 - i. members in good standing through annual verification of American Legion Family memberships and
 - ii. contact information.
- 2. Maintains a full and accurate record of all chapter proceedings at meetings.
- 3. Processing new member applications, issuing membership cards (if applicable), and ensuring the Treasurer receives new dues. This duty may be delegated to a chapter membership chair, if one is established, or assigned to a different officer by the chapter Director.
- 4. Forward Rider Monthly Activity Summary to Post Commander (if required) and Regional Director.

d. Treasurer:

- 1. Maintains accurate records of all transactions in accordance with the sponsoring Post's financial requirements.
- 2. Deposits funds in assigned bank account and disburses funds as approved by the Chapter.
- 3. Provides financial reports to the sponsoring Post Finance Officer as directed.

e. Ride Coordinator:

- 1. Consolidates ride information and events the chapter has expressed interest in, gathering information members need to participate.
- 2. Responsible for organizing group rides and reporting details to the Adjutant.
- 3. Responsible for reporting to the Chapter Director and Chapter Adjutant the following information for inclusion in the Chapter's Monthly Activity Summary report:
 - i. Date and Name of the event or ride.
 - ii. Estimated number of riders (for computing total mileage).

 Names of riders on the ride may be collected at the time of the ride depending on each chapter's procedures.
 - iii. Length of event or ride in both hours and miles.
 - 4. Assigns road captains for rides. It is each chapter's responsibility for conducting safe rides, to include:
 - i. Assigning sweeps (tail gunners) for large groups
 - ii. Determining safe number of riders in each group
 - iii. Giving a pre-ride briefing covering route, hazards, and hand signals
 - iv. Ensuring all guest riders sign a waiver of liability before all rides. Signed waivers will be given to the rider Adjutant for filing.

f. Safety

- 1. The Safety Officers primary duty is to ensure the safe operation of group rides and events in their individual chapters in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local laws.
- 2. Chapter Safety Officers shall assist the Chapter Director in gathering information from any members involved in reportable motorcycle incidents during official functions.

ARTICLE III PATCHES AND APPAREL

Section 1: Riders Vest Guidelines. There are two types of rider patches:

- a. Standard five (5) patch set worn by all ALR members. These include:
 - 1. <u>ALR back patch</u>. Centered, left to right, and attached to the back of the vest.
 - 2. <u>ALR shoulder patch</u>. Attached to the upper right side of the front of the vest (wearer's right).
 - 3. US Flag patch
 - i. Attached to the upper left side of the front of the vest (wearer's left)
 - ii. Nothing is permissible above the flag as worn on the vest except for religious symbology (i.e., Cross, Star of David, etc.).
 - 4. POW/MIA patch. Attached to the lower left side of the vest.
 - 5. <u>Virginia State patch</u>. Attached to the lower right side of the front of the vest.
- b. Individual Patches should display the integrity, principles and values of the American Legion and ALR by avoiding patches with:
 - 1. explicit or offensive language and/or images and
 - 2. political or partisan language and/or images.
 - 3. The Director shall restrict patches that are not appropriate.
- c. Pins
 - 1. When placed on the vest the patch will present a positive image of the American Legion and the ALR.
 - 2. The Director shall restrict pins that are not appropriate.

Section 2: Uniforms

Suggested member dress for Funerals and Special Events (Veterans Day and Memorial Day Ceremonies, etc.) should be dark pants, white shirt, rider vest, and appropriate Legion Family headgear.

Section 3: Use of Copyrighted Material

The American Legion owns, controls, protects and defends the American Legion's intellectual property, composed of trademarks, and copyrighted emblems. Permission must be obtained from the American Legion Emblem Sales prior to using any item bearing American Legion copyrighted material.

Attachments: The following are included as attachments to this document:

1. NEC Resolution 5, dated 5-6 May 2021, and the

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2. American Legion Rider of the Year (ALROY) Document.

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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION May 5-6, 2021

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Resolution No. 5: Guidelines for the American Legion Riders National Program

Origin: Internal Affairs Commission

Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, American Legion Riders (ALR) was established in 1993 as a post-level activity at Garden City American Legion Post 396, Department of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 35: "American Legion Riders as a National Program," NEC, October 17-18, 2007, Resolution No. 32: "Amendment to Resolution No. 35," NEC, May 4-5, 2011 and Resolution No. 19 (NEC, Oct. 2020), Subject: "Updated Program Guidelines for the American Legion Riders (ALR) National Program" were guiding documents for the post and department ALR programs under the support of the hosting posts and departments and are combined in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Today there are more than 2,100 ALR chapters at the post, district and department levels whose membership consists of members of The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary who share a common interest in motorcycle ownership and pleasure riding for veterans' causes; and

WHEREAS, The ALR has expanded to more than 150,000 members, 2,100 local chapters in all 50 domestic departments and in two foreign departments; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the ALR is to use their common interest and association to promote the aims and purposes of The American Legion as well as the promotion of motorcycle safety and awareness; and

WHEREAS, Since 2014, ALR has raised approximately 1 million dollars annually for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund while raising The American Legions brand awareness and penetration in their communities and promoting the American Legion Family; and

WHEREAS, Membership growth in The American Legion has increased in many posts that have supported ALR and in some cases these members now serve in leadership positions within The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Many posts, districts and departments of The American Legion have acknowledged ALR as a local American Legion program and are tasked with establishing guidelines for their ALR program to follow; and

WHEREAS, ALR supports those individuals serving in uniform today through participation in such activities as the Patriot Guard, which was founded by the Department of Kansas ALR to provide escorts for our fallen heroes returning from war and taking care of the needs of the families left behind; and

WHEREAS, All ALR members strive to maintain the image of The American Legion by upholding The American Legion name and brand which symbolizes the integrity and principles of this great organization; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of The American Legion, through the ALR Advisory Committee, to review and amend from time to time such guidelines to provide more effective direction to The American Legion Riders programs in order to protect the trademarks, emblems and copyrights of The American Legion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on May 5-6, 2021, That all American Legion Riders (ALR) groups be organized as programs supported by a post, department or other duly constituted department governing body of The American Legion and shall uphold the declared principles of The American Legion as well

as conform to, and abide by, the lawful regulations and decisions of their department, post and/or other duly constituted department governing body; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That because The American Legion owns, controls, protects and defends The American Legion's intellectual property, composed of trademarks, emblems and copyrights (Emblem or Emblems), the following guidelines are required to fulfill protective standards:

- 1. All members of the ALR-shall be current members of The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary.
- 2. Each ALR member shall establish and maintain ALR membership by owning, individually or through marriage, a common-law marriage, a life partnership or a long-term relationship, a motorcycle licensed and insured as required by the ALR member's state laws.
- 3. ALR programs may allow for continued ALR membership for those ALR members who have given up motorcycle ownership because of age, illness, injury or other reasons outside the ALR member's control.
- 4. ALR programs may allow current members of The American Legion family to join ALR chapters as supporting members.
- 5. The only approved titles for ALR officers shall be chairman and vice-chairman or director and assistant director.
- 6. All ALR members shall maintain the image of The American Legion, protect The American Legion's Emblems, which symbolizes the integrity and principles of The American Legion and if wearing Emblem items then the Emblem items will be American Legion authorized Emblems.
- 7. ALR members' vests should display the integrity, principles and values of The American Legion and the ALR by avoiding patches or pins with (1) explicit or offensive language and/or images and (2) political or partisan language and/or images since The American Legion is a non-partisan organization.
- 8. The ALR chapter should strive to represent the virtues, values, ethics and morals of The American Legion in support of freedom, democracy and the safety of our citizens.
- 9. Per NEC Resolution No. 37, May 4-5, 1988 ALR chapters do not have the authority to enter into any formal association or club/council membership with any outside organization that may act or vote in any manner outside the control of The American Legion.
- 10. All ALR members shall obey the laws of their respective state and/or the state(s) in which they ride.
- 11. The ALR chapter's sponsoring organization (post, district and/or department) are strongly urged to review liability insurance coverage to ensure that adequate insurance coverage is available to insure/cover the sponsoring organization, including insurance coverage for any specific special riding event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That American Legion Riders programs shall abide by the American Legion National Constitution and National By-laws as well as their established post, district and department directives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That American Legion National Headquarters and the respective departments shall maintain general oversight of the American Legion Riders program in regard to proper use of the Emblems of The American Legion, the American Legion Riders and the American Legion Legacy Run and to ensure compliance with the American Legion National Constitution and National By-Laws; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 19 (NEC, Oct. 2020), Subject: "Updated Program Guidelines for the American Legion Riders (ALR) National Program" is hereby superseded and rescinded.

The American Legion Rider of the Year Award Department of Virginia 25 January 2025

Purpose: The purpose of The American Legion Rider of the Year (ALROY) award of the Department of Virginia is to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of individual Riders throughout the Department of Virginia's approximately 58 Chapters and 1,500 Riders. The annual ALROY award serves to recognize those Riders who have gone above and beyond in their volunteer service to community, state, and nation.

Procedures:

- 1. Award: The ALROY is an annual award presented to the winner at The American Legion Department of Virginia Convention, normally held in July of each year. The winner will be awarded a permanent patch to be worn on their rider vest, a formal certificate of recognition, and other accourtements as developed by the Subcommittee.
- 2. Chapter Nominations: Each Rider Chapter throughout the Department of Virginia is encouraged to conduct their own process for determining their Chapter Rider of the Year. Chapters are further encouraged to develop and implement their own method of recognition for their designated Rider of the Year (plaques, patches, pins, certificates, etc.).
- a. Ideally, the Chapter's Rider of the Year is then forwarded to their Regional Director, for consideration as the Regional Rider of the Year nomination to Department.
- b. If no formal Chapter process exists, a Chapter may still nominate a Rider to the Regional Director for consideration.
- c. Chapters must ensure their process for selection provides sufficient time to make the selection and submission in concert with the Regional and Department timelines.
- 3. Regional Designation: During the year each Department of Virginia Regional Director (East, West, and North) will canvass and receive nominations from their respective Rider chapters.
- a. Regional Directors shall establish a process and procedure to select a "Regional Rider of the Year." The criteria for this selection will remain at the discretion of the three individual Regional Directors.

b. The nomination letters of those individuals will then be forwarded by each of the Regional Directors to the Rider Subcommittee: (1) Chair, (2) Vice-Chair, and (3) Adjutant no later than **15 April**, along with the narrative (one-page) of the actions that led to their selection and endorsement. If the Regional Director has no nominee for the award, then that must be so stated.

4. Selection Committee:

- a. Members. Once notified in writing by the individual Regional Directors, the Rider Subcommittee Chair shall convene an ALROY Selection Committee to meet prior to the General Membership meeting at the annual convention (in-person or virtually) to determine the winner of the ALROY. The Chair of the Committee shall have no vote unless needed to break a tie for the award.
- b. Process. Upon receiving the three nominations from the Regions, the Adjutant will prepare a voting sheet listing all nominees. The list shall then be submitted to the Selection Committee to be placed in rank order. The votes will be computed by the Selection Committee and the winner determined.

5. General Comments:

- a. Nominated Rider(s) must be in good standing with current membership in their Chapter and Post, Auxiliary Unit or Sons Squadron.
- b. The name of the winning individual will NOT be announced to the general Rider membership prior to the Department Convention.
 - c. The decision of the ALROY Selection Committee is final.
- d. The Subcommittee Chair shall forward name of the Rider of the Year awardee to the Department Adjutant no later than 1 May for purpose of ordering the appropriate awards.
- e. The awardee will represent the Riders of Virginia in any other Department / National competitions for that year.

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Department of Virginia American Legion Riders

High Mileage and Safety Award – 2025

WHAT: The Department of Virginia, American Legion Rider High Mileage & Safety Award

WHY: A program focusing on safe riding practices. Each Chapter is encouraged to implement a similar program at the Chapter-level. Annually, the Department will present an award to recognize the Department Rider who logs the most miles during the specified award period, with no accidents or traffic violations throughout the entire award period.

WHO: Open to all Virginia American Legion Riders. The Rider's membership in the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion or Auxiliary must be current at the time of entry for the award, and must be in Good Standing with their Rider Chapter.

WHEN: Log miles beginning on or after 1 April and ends no later than 15 September. Riders may submit their final mileage prior to 15 September if necessary.

WHERE: Riding anywhere in the Continental United States, Canada and Alaska.

HOW: Send an email to <u>VAALRHMSafety@gmail.com</u> and copy furnish your Director.

- The email subject: "High Mileage LNAME" (Rider's Last Name). Email must contain:
 - Rider's First and Last Name
 - O Post # and Chapter #
 - Motorcycle Make, Model and Year
 - Chapter Director First & Last Name
 - o (1) Picture of themselves with their Motorcycle
 - o (2) Picture with a close up of their Odometer reflecting the starting mileage
- Rider must own the Motorcycle and only one motorcycle may be entered per Rider.
- At the end (no later than 15 September), the Rider sends an email (reply to original is recommended/preferred) with a third (3) picture reflecting the ending mileage on the Odometer.

RECOGNITION: All participating Riders will be recognized at the Annual Virginia Rider's Rally and at the Department of Virginia Fall Conference. Special Recognition for:

- Top Three Riders with the Highest Mileage
- Chapter with the most Riders Entered and Completed
- Top Three Chapters with the Most Miles

ATTACHING THE VIRGINIA ALR QUEST PATCH TO YOUR VEST OR FOR DISPLAY

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Your <u>Date-Stamped Photographs</u> MUST show you in your ALR Vest, in front of each Post you visited (clearly showing the front of the Post). If you've *ridden* to the Post, include your bike in the photo. When visiting a <u>non-brick-and-mortar Post</u>, your photo should clearly show the local Post Office in the background.
- 2. All Date-Stamped photographs for the individual awardee must be emailed to: <u>VirginiaALRQuest@gmail.com</u>. Subject line should include the Rider's name and Chapter number.



 The Round Center patch and District Rocker are awarded together, once you have documented the visit to each Chapter(Post) in your District. They are displayed together, with the District patch being affixed in the lower left-hand corner of the Quest center patch.



5. The Department Rocker is awarded once every Chapter in the Department of Virginia has been visited. The Department Rocker is to be affixed over the top of the round Quest center patch. Congratulations! You have fulfilled the Quest!

4. There are three distinct Region Rockers – one for Western, Eastern, and Northern Regions. Only one Region is to be displayed, once you have documented the visits to all Chapters (Posts) in your Region. The Region Rocker is to be affixed to the lower right-hand corner of the Quest center patch.



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