

American Legion Riders of Arizona

Chapter 58 Constitution

Preamble

As American Legion Riders of Post 58, Fountain Hills, Arizona, we associate ourselves for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America to maintain law and order, to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism, to participate in parades and other ceremonies which are in keeping with the aims and purposes of the American Legion, to promote motorcycle safety programs, to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interest, and to use our association to promote and support the programs of the American Legion.

Purpose

The American Legion Riders (ALR) is formed to promote the aims and purposes of The American Legion as a family oriented motorcycling activity for members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and The Sons of The American Legion.

Article I – Name

The name of this program shall be American Legion Riders of Arizona Chapter 58 of Post 58 Fountain Hills, Arizona, hereinafter referred to as ALR Chapter 58 or the Chapter.

Article II – Nature

Section 1. The ALR is a program for members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and The Sons of The American Legion members, collectively “The Legion Family”, who share an interest in motorcycling.

Section 2. The ALR shall uphold the declared principles of The American Legion as well as conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions of the department, post, or other duly constituted governing body.

Section 3. The ALR maintains and protects the image of The American Legion at all times through appropriate wearing of The American Legion Emblem. The emblem of The American Legion demands that the “wearer shall ever guard the sanctity of home and country and free institutions.”

Section 4. Under no circumstances shall any emblem of The American Legion be marketed, sold, or subordinated to any other organizational logo or emblem without the approval and consent of The American Legion national organization.

Section 5. Members of the ALR shall avoid any perception of being a motorcycle or “biker” club or gang. Rather, the focus of membership is for the enjoyment of motorcycles and comradeship and furthering The American Legion programs in the community.

Section 6. The ALR strives to improve the public’s perception of the motorcycling community by promoting the honorable nature of service to one’s community, state and nation through the sport of motorcycling.

Section 7. Members of the ALR shall comply at all times with the motor vehicle safety, licensing, and insurance laws or regulations of the State in which operating.

Article III – Organization

ALR Chapter 58 is organized by the Post 58, and exists at the discretion of the Post 58. The chapter officers and executive committee are responsible and accountable to Post 58 and their executive committee. All officers of the ALR must be confirmed by Post 58, or if elected must be installed by Post 58 or a District or Department Officer. ALR Chapter 58 shall be further governed by the Bylaws. Said Bylaws to be approved by its membership and Post 58.

Article IV – Elected Officers

Section 1. The administrative power of the Chapter shall be vested in the Chapter Executive Committee, whose voting members shall consist of all officers for the current year and the immediate Past President.

Section 2. The officers of the Chapter are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, Chaplain, Membership Chairman, and Lead Road Captain and will be elected annually. Any appointee, as determined by the President, will have a voice in matters, but will not have an Executive Committee vote. Any appointee may be removed for expiration of duties, ineffectiveness, or good cause, at the discretion of the President.

Section 3. Eligibility for basic membership in the Chapter shall be as defined in the ALR Chapter 58 Bylaws.

Article V – Finance

Section 1. The revenue of the Chapter shall be derived from such membership fees or dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Chapter Executive Committee. Dues are not a requirement at the national level and are optional at all other levels.

Section 2. The amount of any such membership or initiation fees and the amount of such annual Chapter dues shall be fixed and determined by the Chapter membership.

Section 3. The Chapter will provide a monthly financial report to Post 58 Executive Committee.

Article VI – Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution is adopted, subject to the provisions of the National Constitution, Department Constitution, and Post Constitution of which this Chapter is a subordinate program. Any amendment to the National, Department, or Post Constitution that is in conflict with any provision hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chapter to the extent of such conflict.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended at any regular Chapter meeting, constituted by a quorum, by a vote of two-thirds of the membership attending such regular meeting provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted either in writing or electronically and read at the immediately preceding Chapter meeting. Further, that traditional mail or electronic mail notice shall have been sent to members' addresses of record at least 5 days in advance of the date which such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members that at such meeting there will be a proposal to amend the Constitution. Any amendments to this Constitution are not effective until approved by the Post 58 Executive Committee.

Article VII – Enacting Clause

This Constitution of The American Legion Riders of Arizona, Fountain Hills Chapter 58 of The American Legion Post 58 is approved and adopted by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the ALR members present at a meeting date held February 7, 2019.

Date Feb 7, 2019

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ALR 58 Vice-President

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ALR 58 President

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ALR 58 Secretary

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Post 58 Adjutant

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Post 58 Commander