

By-Laws
of
The American Legion Riders Motorcycle Association
M.I.A. Post 231
133 Army Ave.
Pottsboro, Texas 75076

To participate in community services and other ceremonies that is 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 interest. To use our Association to promote and support programs of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of The American Legion, community services and Veteran's Organizations.

By Laws

A. Membership: These are the requirements for membership.

1. Must be a current paid member of the:
 - American Legion
 - American Legion Auxiliary, or
 - Sons of the American Legion
2. Must be the owner or spouse of the owner of a motorcycle that is at least 250cc.
3. Must be voted in by a majority of the members in attendance at a regular monthly meeting.

B. Rider Patch (Colors): The wearing of the Riders patch is a matter of team pride and the individual Riders' choice. However, for the purpose of uniformity, when a Rider elects to wear the patches they will be worn within these guidelines. Starting with a plain leather vest, the National Riders patch will be centered on the back and bordered by a top rocker of "Lake Texoma Post 231" and a bottom rocker of "Established 1993". Those individuals who are Charter Members of the Post 231 Legion Riders may wear a "Charter Member" rocker above the post rocker. Also an affiliation tab of, "VET", "AUX", "S.A.L." as appropriate, may be worn in the lower right corner just below the bottom rocker. A nametag of the Riders' choice will be worn on the upper left front side of the vest below the American Flag. Other patches may be worn on the member's vest as long as they are not profane in nature.

1. Riders patches remain the property of The American Legion Riders M.I.A. Post 231 and must be surrendered to the organization upon termination of membership in The American Legion Riders M.I.A. Post 231 Association.

C. Special Class Membership: You, or your spouse, may continue your membership as a Special Class Member (with full membership privileges) if you fail to meet the membership requirements of Paragraph (A-2) pursuant to the following and subject to the approval of the general membership:

1. Death of the spouse who was the owner of the motorcycle as defined in Paragraph A.
2. Disability, which prevents you from Physically being able to operate a motorcycle, and ownership of the motorcycle, was relinquished, due to this disability. This would also allow the spouse to continue membership under these conditions as long as the spouse remains a member as described in Paragraph (A-1).
3. For (1) & (2) of this Paragraph, you must have been a regular member for at least one full year.
4. If you have been a member for ten consecutive years and have reached the age of 50 you are entitled to the distinction of a "Special Class Life Member". Membership may continue without regards to Paragraph (A-2) for the rest of your life and payment of Local Chapter Dues will be waived. You **must** continue with the requirements of Paragraph (A-1).

D. Charter Membership: The American Legion Riders M.I.A. Post 231 Charter Members are those members who joined before April 1, 2004.

E. Membership Dues and Renewal: The minimum annual dues per member shall be set at a rate determined each year by the Executive Committee of The American Legion Riders, MIA Post 231. Renewal for the Rider Program will run concurrent with the annual Legion Dues with expiration dates of 31st December, regardless of the initial date of application.

F. Organization: The American Legion Riders M.I.A. Post 231 shall have no subsidiary organizations. Special committees may be appointed as deemed necessary by the membership to handle special events.

G. Officers of the American Legion Riders M.I.A. Post 231 are as follows:

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| 1. Director | 6. Historian |
| 2. Assistant Director | 7. Membership |
| 3. Secretary | 8. Sergeant at Arms |
| 4. Treasurer | 9. Chaplain |
| 5. Run Coordinator | 10. Public Relations Officer |

H. The American Legion Riders Post 231 may add officers as deemed necessary.

I. Officers may not hold more than 1 position.

J. Elections: Elections of Chapter officers will be held annually at such a time as determined by the general membership of the American Legion Riders. M.I.A. Post 231. Notice will be provided at least thirty days prior to said elections.

K. Duties of Charter Officers:

1. **Director:** Will serve as Chief Administrative Officer of the Association and will preside over all meetings. The Director shall have general supervision over the affairs of the association and shall perform such other duties as directed by the general membership.
2. **Assistant Director:** Will assume the duties of the Director should the Director not be available. Will assist the Director in the performance of all duties as called on to do so by the Director.
3. **Secretary:** To keep a full and correct record of all proceedings of meetings. To provide notice to membership as provided herein.
4. **Treasurer:** To have charge of all finances of the Association. To have charge of distributing funds as directed by the general membership. To give detailed financial reports at each meeting.
5. **Run Coordinator:** Will be the logistics person in charge of organized runs of the Association. The RC will determine dates, times, routes, and meeting places for those taking part in a run activity. The RC, at any time, may appoint assistant road captains or take any other measures necessary to help insure the safety of the group during a run.
6. **Historian:** To keep all historical records of the chapter/post.
7. **Membership:** Keep membership records as may be required by the general membership. Give detailed reports at each regular meeting.
8. **SGT at Arms:** Will help set up meetings and maintain order during meetings. Also assist Director in most activities.
9. **Chaplain:** To give spiritual guidance and counseling to membership, and open and close all meetings when available.
10. **Public Relations Officer:** Will be responsible for ensuring notices of events are published. The medium may vary, newsletter, hard copy, Internet, email, etc.

L. Meetings: Meetings will be held at a date and time as voted on by the members. Seven members will constitute a quorum, consisting of at least 3 officers.

M. Finances: Finances of The American Legion Riders Post 231 will be from Association membership dues or such other sources as approved by the membership.

N. Disbursement of Funds: Disbursement of funds will be only those Authorized at any General Membership Meeting of the Post Chapter. The Chapter of Post 231 will be 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, by majority vote.

- O. Safety:** The safety of each Rider is of the utmost concern. Therefore, “Guidelines for Riding in Mass Formation” have been established and should be furnished to each member.
- P. Order:** All meetings will be conducted under “Roberts Rules of Order”.
- Q. Expulsion:** Any member may be expelled or suspended from the Association by a majority vote of the general membership at a regular Post Chapter meeting. The patches **MUST** be returned to the Association and may at the request of the expelled member receive fair market value for the patch. That value to be determined by the Association Officers. The Post Commander will handle all appeals.
- R. Transfers:** It is the policy of The American Legion Riders MIA Post 231 not to accept transfers from existing Chapters of other Posts.
- S. Governing Rules:** These By-Laws rules shall be no less stringent than those contained in the State or National By-Laws, nor can they be in any conflict with the Constitution or By-Laws handed down by the National American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion.
- T. Amendments:** These By-Laws are adopted, subject to the provisions of the National and the State By-Laws of The American Legion Riders and to the the provisions of the By-Laws of The American Legion of which this Chapter is member. Any amendment to the or National, State or American Legion By-Laws, which is in conflict with any provision hereof, shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of these By-Laws to the extent of such conflict. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular membership meeting by a vote of two-third (2/3) of the members attending said meeting provided that the proposed amendment has been read at the previous regular membership meeting and that notice shall be given to all members of the date proposed amendment is to be voted on. Any amendment so adopted shall become effective immediately following the close of the meeting at which it is adopted.
- U. The American Legion Riders Post 231 By-Laws referenced in this document were voted on and adopted at the General Membership meeting on March 13, 2004.**
- V. Amended and approved at the General Membership meeting of September 10, 2006.**