

**By-Laws**  
**Legion Riders Chapter 130**  
**Labelle, FL**

**Preamble**

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together 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 preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

**Purpose**

To participate in parades, and other ceremonies, in keeping with the aims and purposes of the American Legion. To promote motorcycle safety and provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interest. To use our Association to promote and support the program of the American Legion.

**Membership**

One of the following is required for membership. Must be a current member of the:

- A. American Legion
- B. American Legion Auxiliary
- C. Sons of the American Legion

**Officers**

- A. Director
- B. Assistant Director
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Chaplain
- F. Sgt-At-Arms
- G. Run Coordinator

The following Chairs may be added at the discretion of the membership and are appointed by the Director:

- H. Historian
- I. Membership Chairman
- J. Product Manager

### **Election of Officers**

Nominations, elections and installations of officers will follow the schedule and requirements as observed by the American Legion Post 130.

### **Officers General Duties**

**Director:** Will serve as Chief Administrative Officer of the Association and will preside over all meetings. He/she shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Association. He/she shall perform such other duties as directed by the general membership.

**Assistant Director:** Will assume the duties of the Director in his/her absence. Will assist the Director in the performance of his/her duties when called on to do so by the Director.

**Secretary:** To keep a full and correct record of all proceeding at the meetings. Keep membership records as may be required by the general membership. To give detailed financial reports at each regular meeting.

**Treasurer:** To have charge of all finances of the Association. To have charge of disbursing funds as directed by the general membership. To establish a checking account requiring two signatures as determined by the Director and Treasurer. To give detailed financial reports at each regular meeting. (Copies to be provided to the sponsoring Post if requested)

**Chaplain:** Will officiate at the beginning and end of each Chapter meeting. Will arrange visits to sick and distressed members, their immediate families and fellow veterans. Report on sick and/or distressed members at local Chapter meetings.

**Sgt. At Arms:** Will maintain order during local Chapter Meetings

**Run Coordinator:** Will be the logistics person in charge of organized runs of the Association. He/she will determine dates, times, routes and meeting places for those taking part in a run activity. He/she may, at his/her discretion, appoint assistant road captains or take any other measures he/she may feel necessary to help insure the safety of the group during a run.

**Historian:** Will record events of interest for future review. Will include photos, run flyers and local Chapter events.

**Membership Chairman:** Membership responsibilities can be delegated to all officers by the Director. Will validate eligibility of all members, collect dues as defined and keep track of all members'

information. He/she is responsible for collecting all signed "held harmless" agreements, membership applications and distributing annual membership cards.

**Product Manager:** Responsible for the purchase of product for use by members including but not limited to patches, T-shirts, hats and other items for Chapter events.

### Membership Requirements

Membership is granted upon request to current members of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion.

All members must sign and acknowledge the held harmless agreement on the membership application (see exhibit A and attached Membership Application)

Membership is annual and dues will be \$10.00 per year. The dues year will run concurrently with the American Legion year.

Cutoff for Charter Membership will be 25 members or November 1, 2004, whichever comes first.

**Honorary** membership may be granted by vote of the membership at a general meeting. Honorary Members must be a current member of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion. They have no vote in Riders business. However, they can, if they so choose, become a full voting member if they meet the standard requirements and pay the required dues. Honorary membership is non-transferrable.

**Paid Up For Life Membership (PUFL)** available to members, with PUFL status in any of the other arms of the American Legion family, at the following rate:

Rate of Annual Dues	Age When Single Payment Made							
	18-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+
\$10.00	\$229.00	\$218.00	\$205.00	\$182.00	\$153.00	\$117.00	\$78.00	\$51.00

PUFL membership is non-transferrable to any other Riders Chapter.

### Meetings

Meetings will be held the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM. Seven members will constitute a quorum.

The officers will hold a planning meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM

### **Order**

All meetings will be conducted under "Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised" on all points not covered by these By-Laws.

### **Finances**

Finances of the Chapter will be from Chapter membership dues or such other sources, as approved by the membership.

### **Expulsion**

Any member may be expelled or suspended from the Association by a majority Vote of the general membership at a regular Chapter/Post meeting. The back patch must be returned to the Association. State Officers will handle all appeals.

Charter Chapter members can only be expelled or suspended at a state level meeting.

Expulsion - Permanent, back patch must be returned.

### **Attire**

**Back patch:** Remains the property of the Association.

**Vests:** The American flag should be the highest patch on the left side. This applies to the flag as a patch by itself. If the American Flag is only part of a patch this rule does not apply.

If you wear a vest, the right side front should be reserved for memory patches (i.e. POW/MIA, "In Memory" and the like).

Non-member apparel shall include the words "I Support"

### **Governing Rules**

Each State Chapter/Post may elect to adopt a set of standing rules to govern its membership. These standing rules 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.

### **Changes to the By-Laws**

Any changes to the By-Laws must be submitted in writing and will be voted on at the general meeting. Changes will not negate or contradict the By-Laws as defined by the National American Legion Riders By-Laws. Neither shall they be more restrictive than the By-Laws of the National American Legion Riders. A By-Laws Committee will be established for the review of these By-Laws no more than every three (3) years. Changes will be suggested by the Committee to the General membership for approval. Advance notification of at least one month will be given to the membership for any vote to change the Chapter By-Laws.

### **Chapter Residency**

Each Chapter will be known by the state in which the host Post resides. Chapter 130 is a Program of American Legion Post 130 and is subject to its rules of residency.

### **Disbursement of Funds**

Disbursement or expenditures will be only those authorized at any regular meeting of the Chapter. Chapter 130 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.

### **Exhibit A**

(A seen on the Membership Application and on web-site)

"By signing this application, I agree to waive all claims against The American Legion, Department of Florida, Inc, The American Legion Post 130, American Legion Riders and all Members, of both organizations. I agree that the American Legion and the American Legion Riders Motorcycle Association shall not be liable or responsible for damage to property or any injury to persons including myself during any American Legion or American Legion Riders activities, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence. I understand that and agree that all American Legion Rider members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all activities of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders. I release and hold the American Legion Riders, the American Legion Riders Officers and the American Legion harmless for any injury or loss to my person or property, which may result there from. I understand that this means that I agree not to sue the American Legion Riders, the American Legion Rider Officers or the American Legion for any injury or my property in connection with any American Legion or American Legion Rider activities. I further agree that I am responsible to provide adequate insurance on my motorcycle or any other vehicle I use, operate or am responsible for while participating in an activity of the American Legion or American Legion Riders to cover liability in case of

accident or injury. I also agree to comply with all State motor vehicle laws and regulations. I agree to reimburse The American Legion, Department of Florida, Inc., The American Legion Post 130, or American Legion Riders for any and all losses they may suffer as a result there from."

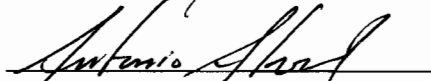
### Standing Rules

1. The Chapter will hold an Annual Poker Run in April to benefit the charity selected at that time by the general membership.
2. The Chapter will contribute annually to the expenses of the American Legion Post 130 of at least but not limited to \$500/year.
3. The Chapter will maintain an annual Scholarship fund with one or more \$500 scholarships/year to qualified students entering or attending an accredited institution of higher learning. Specifics of those qualifications are defined in the application for the American Legion Riders Chapter 130 Scholarship.
4. The Chapter will hold an annual Toy Run or make an annual donation to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130 to support and benefit their annual Holiday Breakfast with Santa.
5. The Chapter will make an annual contribution to cover the attendance of one representative each to Boys State and Girls State.

Approved:

  
Sharon Leventhal – Committee Chairman

2/23/2011  
Date

  
Tony Alvarez – Committee Member

2-23-11  
Date

  
Bill Davis – Committee Member

2-23-11  
Date

  
Raymond Leventhal – Committee Member

23 Feb 2011  
Date

  
Tina McCuiston – Committee Member

2/23/11  
Date

  
Carl Sharp – Committee Member

23 FEB 2011  
Date