

**PATRIOT RIDERS® CONSTITUTION
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≈ MISSION STATEMENT ≈

Patriot Riders[®] major functions are to help all American Veterans; people in our communities; encourage rider participation in events and to promote motorcycle safety.

We support the Constitution of the United States, the right to Freedom and our fellow Patriot Riders[®] members.

Patriot Riders[®] is not connected with, or an affiliate of, any other organization and we DO NOT raise funds for profit.

All Patriot Riders[®] members donate his/her time because they believe in the words stated above.

Meetings must be orderly and each member has the right to be heard. Every member is as important as the next, everyone has different views and we must all work together in an orderly fashion.

≈ MEMBERSHIP ≈

Membership in Patriot Riders[®] is open to anyone with interest in helping all American Veterans and people in our communities who may need our help regardless of race, color, creed or sex. All persons must be 18 years of age or older.

1. Membership Dues

Dues will be set at \$30.00 per year per member payable at the June meeting. If members' dues are not collected within thirty (30) days from the June meeting, the organization has the option of terminating that member.

2. New Membership Requirements

A new member must make six (6) meetings or events, or a combination thereof, within the first six (6) month period of becoming a full member. Anyone who joins and does not meet his/her obligation may be terminated from this organization. After a member completes his/her membership requirements, they will be able to obtain a full Patriot Riders[®] patch for a \$50.00 donation.

3. Member-in-Good-Standing Criteria

To be a member in good standing one must make no less than six (6) meetings or events per year. In regard to loyalty and conduct requirements; if a member is not loyal to Patriot Riders[®] in word, deed or action, or does not meet the membership attendance requirements, the member(s) can be terminated. Every member has the right to an Executive Board Hearing.

**Anyone who does not comply with the membership requirements stated in this section and throughout this Constitution will be terminated from this organization.*

4. Membership Patches

A member who retires or resigns, with just cause, may retire with their patch with Executive Board Approval. In the event a member passes away, the member may be buried with their patch. If a member is terminated, their patch must be returned.

5. Suspension/Termination of Membership

Any member wishing to discontinue his/her membership in Patriot Riders[©] may do so by submitting a written notice to the Executive Board or the Chapter President.

An explanation as to why they are leaving would be appreciated.

The Executive Board may suspend or expel a member, for just cause, upon the written request for said removal or suspension by another member, and by a two-thirds vote of all Executive Board members at any regularly constituted meeting. (See Roberts Rules of Order) Roberts Rules of order only apply to areas not covered by the Constitution of Patriot Riders[©].

The Executive Board has the authority to, and may, impose additional requirements and/or restrictions that coincide with a suspension. Including, but not limited to, confiscating the member's organizational patches for the duration of the suspension, if it is deemed in the best interest of Patriot Riders[©].

Any officer that has resigned from his/her office may run for an office providing that his/her resignation was for health, job, family matters, to run for a different office or for the well-being of the organization.

Any member that is suspended for just cause may not hold an elected or appointed office for one year after the completion of the suspension.

6. Membership Rights

Every full member of the organization shall be entitled to one vote. No absentee ballots/votes will be allowed or accepted.

Upon written request, of any member or officer at any meeting, all corporate documents and financial books must be made available at the next meeting.

7. Membership Grievance Process & Resolution

All allegations and/or complaints of a member accused of conduct unacceptable to Patriot Riders[©] or those that violate community standards, will be kept in confidence and handled by the Executive Board. The person(s) making the accusations, with a full statement of facts, must advise the organization in writing. No complaints will be accepted if the person(s) making the accusation(s) refuses to supply their name(s).

If an officer of the organization is involved, the President of the Board will meet with the Executive Board to determine if it is in the best interest of the organization to have that officer take a leave of absence. If the individual decides to resign, Patriot Riders[©] will accept their

resignation until the matter can be investigated and a determination is made. All matters will remain confidential. Due to the fact that Patriot Riders[®] is an organization whose membership is open to men and women, the following must be carefully followed to protect the minors that are present at meetings and events that are sponsored and/or hosted by the Organization.

If an adult member, man or woman, or even a minor, has been charged with a crime relating to sexual assault, sexual abuse and/or other charges as defined in "Meagan's Law", that member will take a leave of absence from the Organization and if he/she is an officer, a leave of office. They will also turn in their membership patches until there has been a disposition as to the charges. If the charges are dismissed the member will be reinstated as a member in good standing with their patches returned and if an officer, their office resumed, if applicable. If the member is found guilty of the charges, the Organization will terminate his/her membership.

Any destruction, altering or defacing of Patriot Riders[®] property is strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action.

8. Legal Expenses

Any Patriot Riders[®] member/officer that refuses to turn over any/all Patriot Riders[®] property, under any circumstances, will be pursued with legal action by the Organization. If legal action is required to retrieve said property, said offending members will be responsible for all legal expenses and court costs incurred by all parties involved.

9. No Alcoholic Beverage Policy

No alcohol will be sold or distributed by any member of the Organization at any Patriot Riders[®] event.

10. Membership Meetings

Membership meetings will be held once a month. The officers and members of the Organization will agree upon the location, time and date of the monthly meeting.

A meeting of members duly called will not be “organized” for the transactions of business unless a quorum is present. The presence, in person, of five (5) members entitled to vote, will constitute a quorum at all meetings.

All monthly meetings of this Organization, where not specifically stated otherwise, will follow Roberts Rules of Order for the carrying out of all business matters of the Organization.

The purpose of the Membership meetings is to discuss and vote on the payment of the Organizations expenses, any expenditure(s) other than normal operating expenses, any/all motions approved by the Executive Board and any other business pertinent to the operation of the Organization.

11. Minutes

Minutes of every membership meeting will be taken. They will be read at the next meeting for approval by the membership. The minutes of every membership meeting will be kept on file for a minimum of eighteen (18) months.

12. Treasurers Report

A treasurers Report will be read at all membership meetings and will be voted on for approval. (Subject to Audit)

≈ OFFICERS ≈

The Organization will have an Executive Board.
All officers and committee chairpersons will perform their duties in good faith, to the best of their abilities and in the best interest of the Organization while in keeping with the mission statement of Patriot Riders[©].

The Officers, committee members and regular members will serve without compensation. They will be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses in conducting the business of the chapter.

Any officer or board member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without a legitimate excuse may be terminated as an officer. The excuse should be submitted, in writing, within an equitable amount of time (24 hours), whenever possible

13. Executive Board

The Executive Board will consist of the following:

(1)President, (1)Vice-President, (1)Secretary, (1) Sergeant Of Arms & (1)Treasurer.

The Executive Board is responsible for the general supervision and daily operation of the affairs of the Organization. The Executive Board shall have full power and authority over this operation except in matters that the Executive Board believes should be referred to the Board of directors. They will perform their duties as specified in the Constitution and in the best interest of the Organization.

The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Organization and is in charge of the daily operation of the Organization.

The Vice President will take the Presidents place when absent. The Vice President will fulfill all the duties of the President during the Presidents absence.

The Secretary will attend and record all votes and minutes of all meetings and keep records for the Organization. The member meetings will be taken, summarized typed and preserved for a period of eighteen (18) months as set forth under the "Minutes" subheading of this section.

The Treasurer will have custody of the Organizations funds and securities keeping a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements in the corporate ledger. The treasurer will disburse the funds of the Organization as directed by the Executive Board.

Sergeant of Arms- Provides Set-up, and Maintains order of all meetings and Chapter Events.

All checks to members for reimbursements must have a voucher (receipt) for such disbursements. All checks must have two signatures. The Treasurer and President must sign all checks. A third party, such as the Vice President, will be added as determined by the Organizations Executive Board as an alternate.

**The President of the Organization will not be held personally liable for monetary damages unless the President acted in an irresponsible, negligent and/or criminal manor.*

14. Election of Executive Board & Board of Directors

The Officers (five total), are elected positions. All officers will be elected at the December meeting. Newly elected officers will assume their duly elected office at the end of the December meeting. The next election will be held in June of 2015. Elections will then be held yearly.

A committee for elections will be formed at the March 2015 meeting consisting of two or three members, who will take nominations for officers, hand out, collect and count the ballots after the election. Members of the Election committee are not eligible to run for any office unless they first remove themselves from the election committee. To be nominated and/or elected to any office a member must be in good standing for a period of one (1) year or longer and must be present at the meeting to accept the nomination.

**All Officers and Board Members will be elected to their positions for a period of one (1) year.*

All members will be duly notified of the elections by an announcement at the March, April and May meetings. Nominations will be held in April and May with the elections being held in June. Only Patriot Rider[®] members in good standing are eligible to vote.

If the office of any Officer becomes vacant, for any reason, the Executive Officers may choose a successor(s) who shall hold that office for the remainder of the term. In the event the Executive Officers cannot agree on a replacement, a special election will be held, by the Organization, for that position only. Nominations and election will be held and the next regularly scheduled meeting. The Organization will take appropriate steps to make sure all members are informed of the Special election

≈ OTHER ≈

15. Committees

The Organization may form other committees and appoint/accept volunteers as needed to fill said committees. The President shall appoint or ask a member to serve as Committee Chairperson. All volunteers must follow all Patriot Riders[®] guidelines.

16. Promotion and Sales

Before committing any resources, time and/or personnel, it must be voted on and approved by the general membership at a meeting.

All fliers, letterhead, checks and items for sale bearing the name "Patriot Riders" will display the registered copyright symbol "©" after the word Riders. See example below.

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17. Expenditures

Any/all expenditures over \$100.00 will be voted on at a regular membership meeting. All checks to members for reimbursements must have a voucher (receipt) for such disbursements.

18. Events

An event voted on and approved at a monthly meeting of Patriot Riders® will constitute a qualifying event towards membership requirements. Five (5) members need to be in attendance at the event to qualify as an event towards membership requirements.



≈ MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE ≈

I, _____,

Attest that I have received my copy of the Patriot Riders[©] Constitution dated June 2015.

I pledge I have read and will abide by the rules/obligations set forth and stated in the Patriot Riders[©] Constitution.

Full Name (printed)

Signature

Date