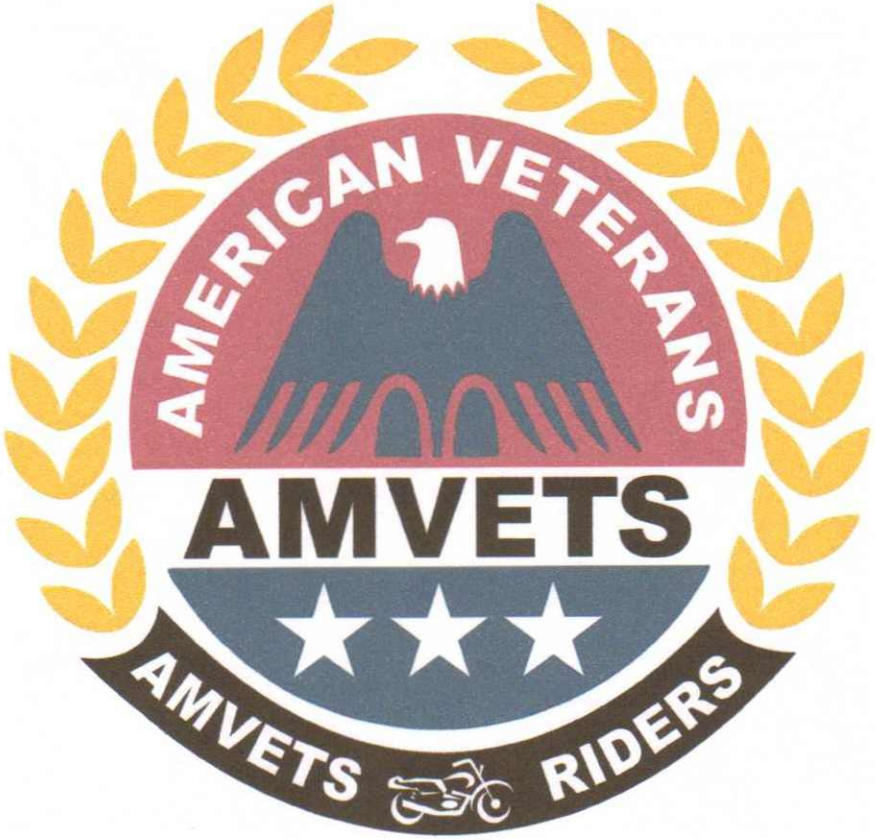

AMVETS RIDER'S DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

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AMVETS RIDERS
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
CONSITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be THE AMVETS Riders Department of Florida and shall be hereinafter referred to as the Department of Florida Riders.

ARTICLE II: MISSION STATEMENT

We the Department of Florida Riders are a dedicated and patriotic group of motorcycle riders who hold true to an unwavering respect for our Nation, our Flag and our Military…past, present and future. We are committed to the freedom of this Nation, to provide community service and fellowship, and to preserve and support the aims and goals of the AMVETS National Organization.

Article III: AIMS

This is an organization formed to further the Aims and Purposes of the AMVETS. This organization will be a positive part of the AMVETS organization and the communities we serve. This organization will also be an integral part of fundraising efforts for our Chapter Riders and projects specific to our veterans and our community.

Article IV: DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

4.1 The Department of Florida Riders is a non-profit organization under IRS code 501(c)(19) and its members shall donate their time and energy to help promote our aims and objectives.

4.2 The Department of Florida Riders shall be under the jurisdiction of the National AMVETS Riders. The Department of Florida Riders shall be in the same geographical location as its respective Department of Florida AMVETS and be identified as such.

4.3 The Department of Florida Riders will consist of a Department set of Officers elected by the Riders Chapter(s) Delegates of the Department, and those officers appointed by the Department President.

(A) Furnish National and Department of Florida with a certified list of its current Chapter Officers each year.

(B) Department of Florida Chapter will submit their Constitution and By-laws to the National AMVETS Riders for approval. Post Chapters will submit their

Constitution and By-laws to the Department of Florida Riders to be approved and then forwarded to the National AMVETS Riders.

(C) Be fully paid up in all accounts with National and Department

(D) Comply with applicable liability insurance mandates.

4.5 Departments and sole Chapters shall within thirty (30) days of notice surrender their Charters resulting from disciplinary or voluntary action, close all bank accounts and deliver to the National AMVETS Riders all records, property, and assets in accordance with Local and State Laws.

ARTICLE V: CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

5.1 Each AMVETS Riders Chapter, formed by members of a Post but not limited to members of the Post shall be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Florida Riders. Each AMVETS Riders Chapter shall be in the same geographical location to its respective AMVETS Post, and identified by the same Post number.

5.2 Where no AMVETS Department exists, an AMVETS Riders Chapter may be formed by a Post under the jurisdiction of the National Headquarters.

5.2 Chapters will submit copies of their Constitution and By-Laws to the AMVETS Riders National Headquarters as outlined on the current AMVETS Riders Chapter Revalidation Form.

5.3 The Chapter AMVETS Riders Organization will consist of a Chapter set of Officers elected by Chapter members of that Chapter, and those Officers appointed by the Chapter President.

5.4 The Chapter shall within thirty (30) days of notice surrender their Charters resulting from disciplinary or voluntary action, close all bank accounts and deliver to the AMVETS Riders National Headquarters all records, property, and assets, in accordance with Local and State Laws.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP

6.1 Membership in the Department of Florida Riders shall be limited to members in good standing of AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of AMVETS.

6.2 Members must be the legally registered owner of a motorcycle or be the spouse of the legally registered owner.

6.3 Members must provide proof that they are legally permitted to operate a motorcycle in the State of Florida, a valid State motorcycle registration, and proof that they are insured according to the state laws of their respective State before their membership application can be approved. This information will be shown to the Chapter President and one other Chapter officer. At no

time will National, Department or Chapter record or copy any of these documents. Security of rider's personal data shall be maintained. Spousal members will be exempt from the requirements of Article VI Section 6.3 provided their spouse has met said requirements.

6.4 There will be no HONORARY memberships in Department of Florida Riders or Chapters of the Department of Florida Riders.

ARTICLE VII: DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

7.1 Elected Officers of the Department of Florida Riders shall consist of a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Judge Advocate, and Sgt. at Arms.

7.2 President of the Department of Florida Riders may appoint additional Officers, Chaplain, Liaisons Officer and Communications Officer, to fill specific needs of the Department.

7.3. Nominations and elections of officers shall be held annually as indicated in the Department of Florida Riders By-Laws.

7.4 The Department of Florida Riders President may appoint Chairmen and Committee's as required to conduct Department of Florida Riders business.

ARTICLE VIII: CHAPTER OFFICERS

8.1 Chapters will have a minimum of the following elected Officers: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Judge Advocate and Sgt. at Arms.

8.2 Chapters will have a minimum of the following appointed or elected Officers: Secretary and Chaplin.

8.3 Presidents of Chapters may appoint additional Officers to fill specific needs of the Chapters.

ARTICLE IX: EXECUTIVE BOARD/COMMITTEE

9.1 The elected and appointed officers of the Department of Florida Riders and the immediate Past President of the Department of Florida Riders shall constitute the Department Executive Board.

(A) This Board will be in charge of Administrative affairs and property of the Department of Florida Riders.

(B) This Board will formulate the policies of the Department of Florida Riders and present them to membership for approval.

(C) Only elected Department of Florida Riders Officers shall vote, or make and second motions. Any members may attend Executive Board meetings but without a vote.

9.2 The Department of Florida Riders Executive Committee will be comprised of:

(A) Department Riders Officers
(B) Department Past Riders Presidents
(C) All Chapter Presidents
    1. Designated Representative must be identified in writing by the Chapter President a minimum of 30 (thirty) days of any SEC Meeting.
    2. Notification of the Designated Representative must be received in writing at the Florida Department of Riders Headquarters (thirty) 30 days prior to Annual Convention.

ARTICLE X: MEETINGS

10.1 Meetings will be scheduled by the Department of Florida Riders Executive Board. Department of Florida Riders must hold their Elections of Officers in between June 01 through June 30 and forward their revalidation to National AMVETS Riders by June 30. Each Chapter must hold their Election of Officers between May 1 and May 30 and forward their revalidation to the Department of Florida Riders by May 30. Any Chapter that does not submit a new revalidation form by June 1 each year will be temporarily suspended and not seated at the AMVETS Riders Annual Convention. In addition, they will be assessed a $25.00 revalidation fee to the Department of Florida Riders along with any fees due to the AMVETS National Riders. Any exception to this must be approved by the Executive Board.

10.2 Meetings will be conducted according to the Department of Florida Riders By-laws and in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

10.3 Delegate/members will be notified of the time and place of the meeting at least 30 days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE XI: AMVETS RIDERS SUPPORTERS

11.1 The AMVETS Riders will recognize a Subsidiary Group of Individuals hereafter to be known as AMVETS Riders' Support Members. These Subsidiary Groups MAY only form where there is an existing Chartered Chapter of AMVETS Riders.

11.2 AMVETS Riders Support Members must be a Member of AMVETS, Ladies Auxiliary, or Sons of AMVETS.

11.3 AMVETS Riders Support Members uniforms and insignia shall be consistent with Article XIII of AMVETS Riders National By-Laws with the ADDITION of the Riders Support Member Patches worn beneath the 2" or 3" AMVETS, Auxiliary, or Sons patch on the top right side of the official Vest, and the Riders Patch on the Back of the Vest.

11.4 AMVETS Riders Support Members' dues shall be consistent with that of the dues set by the National AMVET Riders.

11.5 AMVETS Riders Support Members may not be a Chapter Charter Member as they can only join a Chartered Chapter.

11.6 AMVETS Riders Support Members SHALL NOT hold an elected office, or be seated as a delegate at any level of the Riders Organization. Riders Support Members may be appointed to a Chapter non-elected office.

11.7 AMVETS Riders Support Members shall be under the control of the AMVETS Riders National Organization. However, Chapters shall retain Authority over their individual Riders Support Members.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

12.1 This Constitution may be amended at any Department of Florida Riders Annual Convention by a majority vote of delegates present at any Department of Florida Riders Annual Convention. This Constitution may be amended by any Department of Florida Riders Annual Convention, without notice, by a two-thirds vote. No amendment will be adopted unless the amendment is referred to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, considered by it, and reported on at the Florida Department of Riders Annual Convention. Proposed amendments for action of the Florida Department of Riders Annual Convention must be submitted in writing, by mail, postmarked at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the next Annual Convention.

12.2 Copies of all adopted amendments shall be forwarded to the Department Judge Advocate for review within thirty (30) days after their adoption. The Department Judge Advocate shall forward the approved copies to National Headquarters for placement in the permanent Riders file. Roberts Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters not specifically covered in the Constitution and By-laws of this organization.

This Constitution as amended was approved by the membership on 13 June 2015.

Signed:

Vince Stretar

President
AMVETS Riders Department of Florida

Judge Advocate
AMVETS Riders Department of Florida

Secretary
AMVETS Riders Department of Florida

AMVETS RIDERS
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSES

1.1 The name of the organization is The AMVETS Riders Department of Florida and shall be hereinafter referred to as the Department of Florida Riders.

1.2 We the Department of Florida Riders are a dedicated and patriotic group of motorcycle riders who hold true to an unwavering respect for our Nation, our Flag, and our Military…past, present, and future. We are committed to the freedom of this Nation, to provide community service and fellowship, and to preserve and support the aims and goals of the AMVETS National Organization.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERS

2.1 There shall be one class of members: Riders

2.2 Qualifications of membership must be a member in good standing of AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, or Sons of AMVETS. Members must provide proof that they are legally permitted to operate a motorcycle in the State of Florida, a valid State motorcycle registration, and proof that they are insured according to State laws of their respective State. This information shall be shown to the Chapter President and one other Chapter Officer. At no time will National, Department or Chapter record or copy any of these documents. Security of rider's personal data shall be maintained. Spousal members will be exempt from the requirements of Article VI Section 6.3 provided their spouse has met said requirements.

2.3 Only Rider members of the organization shall hold an elected office at National level.

2.4 Riders National dues is based on a per Rider basis and paid to the Riders National, and shall be reviewed yearly at the Riders National Convention. Amount of dues will be set by a majority vote at the Riders National Convention beginning 13 August 2009. All monies shall be deposited in the Riders National general fund account.

2.5 Chapters shall remit dues and a complete Chapter membership roster to the Department of Florida Riders no later than 1 February each year. Department of Florida Riders shall collect their Chapter's dues and rosters and send them to the Riders National Secretary no later than 15 February each year. Chapters remitting dues after due date will be assessed a $25.00 late fee. Chapters failing to remit dues by 1 March shall be automatically suspended. Suspended Chapters may be reinstated, no later than 1 June, by submitting a complete membership roster, dues, $25.00 late fee, and a $50.00 reinstatement fee. Chapters failing to reinstate by 1 June, shall be

subject to a vote of revocation by the Riders Delegates at the Riders Annual National Convention.

2.6 Each Chapter must hold their Election of Officers between May 1 and May 30 and forward their revalidation along with a copy of the chapter e-post card or 990 IRS form and current Incorporation validation to the Department of Florida Riders by May 30. Any Chapter that does not submit a new revalidation form by June 1 each year will be temporarily suspended and not seated at the AMVETS Riders Annual Convention. In addition, they will be assessed a $25.00 revalidation fee to the Department of Florida Riders along with any fees due to the AMVETS National Riders. Any exception to this must be approved by the Executive Board.

2.6 The membership year shall be in compliance with the AMVETS National Constitution and By-Laws. Dues for the coming year will be accepted starting 1 September. It is the Chapter's responsibility to collect and forward its members' dues, as well assuring that members are in good standing with their parent organization.

2.7 ONLY Members in good standing with a current valid membership may hold an office, continue in office, and be seated as a delegate, be entitled to vote, represent themselves as an AMVETS Rider, or wear the Riders' uniform and insignia.

2.8 Members who become disabled while a valid member and can no longer ride a motorcycle SHALL be considered a member of this Organization.

2.9 AMVETS, Sons of AMVETS and AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary members may join an AMVETS Riders Chapter located in another Post, only with the permission of the AMVETS Post Officers where the Riders Chapter is located.

2.10 A current Chapter member in good standing may request to transfer to another Chapter. The Chapter Transfer Form is available online or from the Riders National secretary. Five signatures with dates are required to transfer: the Member, the accepting AMVETS Post Commander (Riders National By-Laws Article 4.9), the Riders Chapter President of the losing Chapter, Riders Chapter President of the gaining Chapter, and the Department President (if Department exists) or National Riders Secretary, if no Department exists. The losing Chapter may not delay or deny a members' transfer request unless there is a cause, such as a member owes money or has possession of Chapter property that must be returned.
Note: If a transfer is denied for cause, the reason for denial must be submitted in writing to the Department Headquarters, or National Headquarters if no Department exists, along with the unsigned transfer form, within 10 days. The Department/National will notify all parties involved regarding this action. The completed and signed transfer form should be mailed to the Department (if existing) office, where it is signed, dated, copied and forwarded to the appropriate Chapter officials and National. Upon receipt of completed transfer form, the gaining Chapter shall consider approval of transfer.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

3.1 The Department of Florida Riders shall meet at least three times annually. There shall be three types of meetings: the general meeting, annual, and special meetings.

3.2 Delegates/Members will be notified of special meetings at least 30 days in advance of the meeting date. It is the responsibility of each member to be sure that current contact information is on file with the Chapter.

3.3 The Membership year shall be from January 01 to December 31.

3.4 At all Regular and Special Meetings, at least four (4) elected Officers, and three (3) Members will constitute a quorum.

3.5 At the Department Executive Committee meetings, five (5) voting Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

3.6 There shall be no alcoholic beverages or smoking allowed at any Department of Florida Riders meeting. Any member who is obviously intoxicated prior to a meeting will not be permitted to attend said meeting and will be subject to disciplinary action.

3.7 Nomination of officers will be made from the floor at the annual convention held in concert with AMVETS Department of Florida. Election of Officers for the coming year will be held immediately following the closing of nominations. Elections will be presided over by the Current Department of Florida Riders President.

A. The Delegates of each individual Rider Chapter within the AMVETS Department of Florida Riders shall be entitled to vote for each of the nominated positions. Chapters with 5-50 Rider members get 2 delegates; 51 to 100 members get 3 delegates; 101 to 150 members gets 4 delegates; and 151 to 200 or more members get 5 delegates. In addition, the President of each Post Chapter within the Department will constitute a Department delegate and also has one vote.

B. Election for each nominated office will be simple majority of votes. Voting will be done by hand or by voice.

ARTICLE IV: DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

4.1 A President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Judge Advocate and Sgt. at Arms shall be elected annually from among the membership.

4.2 A Chaplain, Communications Officer and Liaisons Officer can be appointed by the President.

4.3 A Riders' member must be a member in good standing of AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Aux., or Sons of AMVETS. National Headquarters shall be notified of the election of new officers within (30) days after the election has been completed.

4.4 The newly elected officers shall be sworn in and take office prior to the closing of the Annual Convention.

4.4 In the event that the office of President is vacated, the 1st Vice President shall succeed to the office of President for the unexpired term.

4.5 In the event that the office of 1st Vice President is vacated the 2nd Vice President shall succeed to the office of 1st Vice President for the unexpired term. If the 2nd Vice President declines succession, the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint the successor to 1st Vice President.

4.6 In the event any other office is vacated, the President, with the approval of the Executive Board shall appoint a member to complete the unexpired term.

4.7 Any elected officer who misses two (2) meetings, without prior notice, or without good cause, to be determined by the president, with approval of the Executive Board, shall be removed from office without any further action notification or hearing. The vacated position shall be filled in accordance with the guidelines prescribed herein.

4.8 Department of Florida Riders President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Sgt. At Arms may hold office for two (2) one year terms and may not succeed themselves. Treasurer, Secretary and Judge Advocate may hold office for three (3) one year terms and may not succeed themselves. All other Department of Florida Riders Officers shall have no term limits.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

5.1 President – Will oversee all areas of the organization. Will appoint officers and committees as designated in the Department of Florida Riders Constitution and By-laws. Will chair all meetings of the general membership and ensure that all committees, programs, and events are operated in accordance with the Department of Florida Riders Constitution and By-laws and regulations. Will be a non-voting member ex-officio of each committee. The President will vote in case of a tie.

5.2 1st Vice President – Membership – Will keep accurate membership records of the Chapter members affiliated with the Department of Florida Riders. To ensure that all monies collected through memberships or renewals is forwarded immediately to the Treasurer or immediately deposited in the Department of Florida Bank account and receipt immediately sent to the Treasurer. Will facilitate incentives, drives and to ensure continued growth throughout the Department. To make a report at each general membership meeting of the current up to date, standings and to forward this report to the Secretary for inclusion in the meeting minutes as well as Department reports. Perform other duties as assigned by the President.

5.3 2nd Vice President – Run/Event Coordinator – To arrange events and set needed committees in place to ensure that all events/runs area completed. Monitor the Riders Programs and coordinate with the Department of Florida AMVETS Programs Director to ensure the Department of Florida AMVETS Riders Organization is fully utilized in the conduct of

Department Programs. Monitor the status and ensure program reporting for Post Chapters established within the Department. Perform other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee or the President.

5.4 Secretary – Will keep accurate records and minutes of all the Chapter meetings. Will act as the official point of contact between the Chapter and the Department Executive Director. Will - handle all correspondence received and sent by the Department of Florida Riders. Will pass communications promptly to the respective recipient as needed. Will maintain files for the organization. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President. Provide official copies of all Department of Florida Rider Meeting Minutes to each ~~Post~~ Riders Chapter President or Secretary within 30 days of the close of the Department of Florida Rider Meeting.

5.5 Treasurer – Shall keep accurate records of all financial transactions and organization monies. To ensure that all monies are deposited and bills are paid in a timely manner as directed by the Department Executive Board. All receipts, transaction slips and checks will be kept on file and turned over to the appointed audit committee when requested. Copies of all transactions will be maintained by the Treasurer. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

5.6 Chaplain – Shall offer comfort and solace to our members in their time of need. Will offer opening and closing prayers at all Department of Florida Rider meetings, events and runs. Will notify the Secretary of the need to send a card of sympathy or get well wishes to those members or their families as needed. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

5.7 Judge Advocate – Shall advise the President and other Department Officers on legal matters pertaining to the activities of the Department of Florida Riders. Shall review and approve all resolutions submitted by Chapters in the Department. Will advise on parliamentary, and constitution and bylaw matters. He or She will be an Ex-Officio member of all Committees. They will perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

5.8 Sgt. At Arms - Shall maintain order at all meetings, events and runs. Will post and retire the colors when called up to do so. To lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance at each meeting as prescribed. He or She will ascertain that only members in proper uniform are admitted as Delegates or Representatives to meetings. They shall be responsible for the security of Department of Florida Riders Officers, buildings, and grounds at all Department functions and meetings. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

5.9 Liaison Officer shall coordinate all Riders' activities, events, and runs with the Department Executive Committee. Riders Liaison Officer shall coordinate with and keep the AMVETS, Auxiliary, and Sons informed of all Riders' activities. The AMVETS, Auxiliary and Sons of AMVETS Riders Liaison Officers shall work with the AMVETS, Auxiliary, and Sons of AMVETS to insure timely responses on RIDERS activities or questions. Riders MC Liaison Officer shall coordinate with any and all motorcycle clubs/groups to further the interest of the AMVETS Riders. To perform other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee or the President.

5.10 Communications Officer shall be responsible for the planning, formulation, and development of a communications program, including, but not limited to, publicity, organizational publications, promotional material, and Riders internet website. The Communications Officer shall be responsible for efficient and proper liaison with all communications media-press, radio, motion pictures, periodicals, television, and all forms of advertising. In addition, he shall compile from year to year all records of historical value and interest for AMVETS Riders and shall assist Department and Post Historians so as to coordinate and unify the work of such officials. The Communications Officer shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee or the President.

5.11 Each Officer shall immediately turn over all books, correspondence and records of the office to their respective successor at the close of the Annual Convention. All Officers are to assist any new incoming Officers of the same position with a smooth transition to office.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

6.1 The Audit committee shall be appointed by the Department of Florida Riders President. The President shall appoint such members from the Chapter membership as deemed necessary to carry out the assignment.

(a) The audit committee shall consist of the appointed chairman and two (2) Voting members.

(b) The audit committee shall do a complete audit of all Department of Florida Rider accounts and financial records each year prior to the annual Meeting.

6.2 Other committees shall be developed and organized as needed by the President or the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII: FINANCES

7.1 The total annual dues of this organization shall be $50.00 per Chapter. All monies will be deposited in the Department of Florida Riders general fund account. Annual dues are to be remitted to the Department of Florida Riders no later than 1 February of each year. Chapters remitting dues after the due date will be assessed a $25.00 late fee. All other penalties are governed by the AMVETS Riders National Constitution and By-Laws.

7.2 Chapters shall remit their individual member dues and a complete Chapter Membership roster to the Department of Florida Riders no later than 1 February each year. The Department will collect dues and rosters and send them to the Riders National Secretary no later than 15 February each year. Chapters remitting dues after the due date will be assessed a $25.00 late fee by Department of Florida Riders. All other requirements and penalties are governed by the AMVETS Riders National Constitution and By-Laws

7.3 All fund raising activities must be approved in advance by the Department of Florida Rider Executive Board. All fund raising activities must be in compliance with the Department and National Constitution and By-laws and rules and regulations.

7.4 An annual budget shall be prepared by the Treasurer and submitted to the Department of Florida Riders' Executive Committee for its approval. Accurate books and records of account activities maintained by the treasurer shall be subject to inspection and regulation by the Executive Board at all reasonable times. Books and records will be made available to the Department finance committee on request by said committee.

7.5 The Treasurer shall render a report of receipts and disbursements to each meeting of the Department of Florida Riders. The Treasurer is also responsible for filing all IRS forms and Incorporation documentation as required by law. The Chapter fiscal year shall be January 1st through December 31st.

7.6 The Department of Florida Riders Executive Board shall have discretionary spending authorization of up to $300 (three hundred dollars) without prior approval from membership. Disbursement of funds shall be in a manner that is in keeping with all local, state and federal laws regarding non-profit organizations.

7.7 Officers and/or members handling chapter funds shall be properly bonded with a good and solvent bonding company acceptable to the US Treasury, as surety to cover the average amount of funds handled by said individuals in a single year.

7.8 The Department of Florida Riders must be incorporated in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

7.9 The Department of Florida Riders shall provide either through its own policy, or as an additional insured on the Department's insurance policy, a minimum of $100,000 general liability insurance.

ARTICLE VIII: BOOKS AND RECORDS

8.1 Correct books of account of the activities and transactions of the Corporation shall be kept at the residence of the Department Secretary. These shall include a minute book of Department of Florida Rider meetings, and a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation, a copy of the By-laws, a copy of the Constitution, all minutes of meetings and Executive Board Committee.

ARTICLE IX: UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIAS

The Department of Florida Riders and all Chapters in the Department shall comply with Article XIII of the AMVETS Riders National Constitution and By-Laws regarding uniforms and insignias.

ARTICLE X: RUNS AND EVENTS

10.1 All runs and events conducted by the Department of Florida Riders will be planned and coordinated by a committee appointed by the Department of Florida Rider President.

10.2 The Department of Florida Riders Organization will hold a minimum of (1) one run or event per year.

10.3 All runs and events conducted by the Department and Chapters will be conducted according to the By-laws of the Department or Chapter.

10.4 All runs and events will comply with all Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations.

ARTICLE XI: DISCIPLINE

11.1 Members may be suspended or expelled for any one of the following reasons:

(a) Failure to comply with obligations as imposed on the members under the Constitution and By-laws.

(b) Any conduct unbecoming an AMVETS Rider that reflects unfavorably on AMVETS or the AMVET Riders.

(c) Membership received by means of fraud or misrepresentation.

(d) Any disciplinary action against any Department of Florida Rider member will be in accordance with AMVETS Department and AMVETS National By-laws.

11.2 Any Rider member who receives disciplinary action by their parent organization shall be subject to the same action under the AMVETS Riders up to and including expulsion. Once the member has exhausted their Parent Organizations appeal process, if the member is reinstated to membership in their Parent Organization, also at that time Riders Membership will be restored.

11.3 Disciplinary rules relative to Chapters are prescribed in Appendix A, AMVETS Riders National Constitution and By-Laws, 2014 – 2015. These rules will be adhered by the Department of Florida Riders and all Chapters under the Department.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

12.1. These By-Laws may be amended at the AMVETS Riders Department Convention by a majority vote of delegates present at the AMVETS Riders Department Convention. Proposed amendments for action of the Department Convention must be submitted to the Department Executive Board, by a Chapter executive Committee, the Department Executive Committee, or a standing Department Committee to the Department President and/or the proposing body of members of the Department Executive Committee, by mail, postmarked at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the next Department Convention

12.2. These By-Laws may be amended at any Riders Department Convention, without notice, by a two-thirds vote. No amendment will be adopted unless the amendment is referred to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, considered by it, and reported on at the Riders Department Convention.

12.3 Amendments to these By-Laws shall take effect immediately upon adoption, unless otherwise specified by the adopted resolution.

These By-Laws have been adopted by a majority vote of the membership in attendance of the Department of Florida Riders at the Annual Meeting on 13 June 2015.

Signed:

Vince Stretar

President, Vince Stretar
AMVETS Riders Department of Florida

Judge Advocate, Anthony Goldman
AMVETS Riders Department of Florida

Secretary, Jenna Clifton
AMVETS Riders Department of Florida