

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA UNIFORM MANUAL

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HEADGEAR

Section 1. At all official meetings, the BLACK (White, ALRDOC officers) American Legion Riders beret or the official cap of a member parent organization will be the only allowed headwear. Chapters may elect the option of Ball caps or other headgear for Chapter meetings. The White American Legion Riders beret shall only be worn by current ALR DOC elected and appointed officers. The elected and appointed officers shall consist of the President, Vice President, Sgt at Arms, elected and appointed Area Vice Presidents, Assistant Area Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Judge Advocate, Assistant Judge Advocate, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Service Officer, Historian, and Junior Past President.

Section 2. No patches may be worn on the beret except the ALR patch on the front as provided by American Legion Emblem Sales

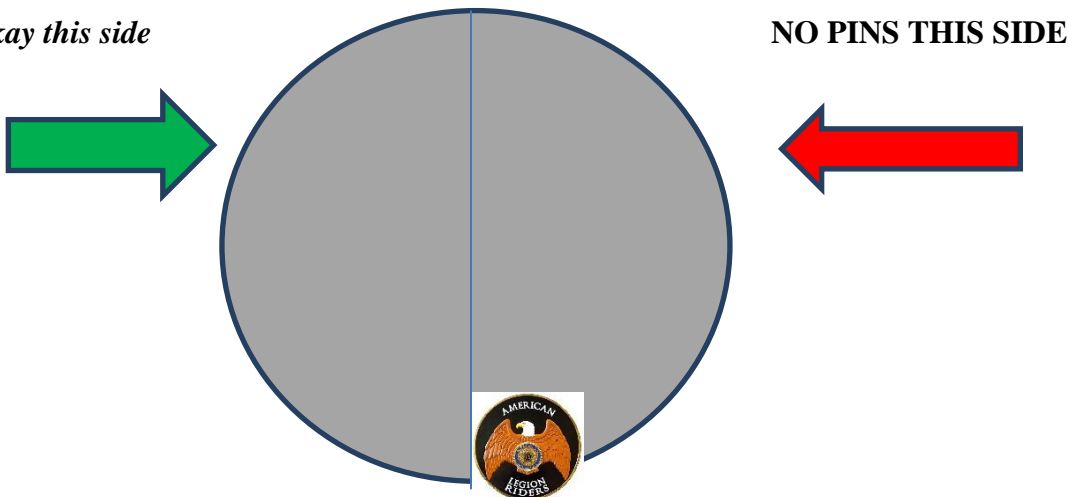
Section 3. Pins may be worn on the beret denoting participation in American Legion, American Legion Riders, SAL or Auxiliary events or program activities. Pins may also reflect other similar patriotic veterans' activities by the member.

Section 4. No Pins or Patches showing support for motorcycle clubs or their support organizations shall be worn on the beret. Pins containing profanity or representing lewd, sexual, and violent or other such behavior or subjects will not be worn by members.

Section 5. Pins shall only be worn on the opposite side from the ALR emblem, as defined by folding the beret in half at the centerline as defined by the string attachment in the headband at the back of the beret.

Section 6. At the American Legion Riders Department of California (ALRDOC) convention, the only allowed headgear for delegates seated on the floor and the presiding officers will be the American Legion Riders (ALR) beret or the garrison cap of the American Legion (AL), or the Sons of American Legion (SAL).

Pins okay this side



VEST

Section 1. American Legion Riders back patches will be worn on a vest or jacket. Members having riding vests and jackets with the large or medium patch affixed to the back will comply with the guidelines of this Manual. The front of the vest from the top center seam to an area 8" below and the back of the vest defined by an area from arm seam to arm seam when the vest is fastened and lying flat AND shall extend from the shoulder line to the bottom seam shall be a designated uniform area and may only contain patches as cited below.

Section 2. The front of the vest or jacket SHALL have a 50 state American flag patch high on the left hand side. The flag shall be placed when possible with the top line no less than two inches and no more than 4 inches from the shoulder seam – or at the highest practical location, given the design of the vest - when the vest is fastened and lying flat. No other patch or pin will be worn higher than this patch. Such American flag shall not have any wording or other embellishment on or touching the flag. A POW/MIA patch should be placed high on the right hand side with the top line slightly lower than the topline of the flag patch when the vest is fastened and lying flat. No patch or pin will be worn higher than this patch on the right side of the vest.

Section 3. A Charter Member and/or Chapter Officer patch or tag; and an elongated American Legion Riders Chapter patch each no larger than 1.5"h x 4"w (Chapter number, District number or Post number) , American Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL emblem patch may be worn under, but not adjoining, the American Flag patch.

Section 4. A name patch or tag (actual or 'road name") and/or a Chapter Officer patch no larger than 1.5"h x 4"w may be worn on the right side if desired under, but not adjoining, the POW/MIA patch if worn.

Section 5. The remaining front of the vest shall be designated personal areas. In the personal front area of the vest or jacket members shall only bear patches of military branches of service, military units, in memoriam patches, American Legion Riders Convention, PGR or other patriotic sentiment. Religious patches, charitable cause patches (pink ribbons, autism, etc.) or similar event patches in keeping with the aims and prestige of the American Legion may also be worn in the PERSONAL AREAS as illustrated herein. No personal or group political statement patches may be worn. Patches and pins containing profanity or representing lewd, sexual, and violent or other such behavior or subjects will not be worn by members when they are engaged in an ALR activity or when wearing the ALR emblem. Patches of a completely neutral nature including motorcycle make or model patches, common rally patches, and other patches of a similar nature, that express ideals and activities not in conflict with the ALR MISSION and not in violation of Sections 5, 6, & 8 shall be permitted unless expressly disapproved of the by the Uniform Committee and/or DOC Executive Committee.

Section 6. No military rank patches, or unauthorized unit name patches will be worn on the vest or jacket. No city, or state patches, rockers or half rockers that could be

construed as claiming territory will be worn on the vest or jacket. Flags of a US state or territory, or a patch of the state's or territory's official seal will be allowed and should be displayed with respect and dignity.

Section 7. The back of the vest or jacket of the Department of California American Legion Riders will bear only the American Legion Riders Emblem as authorized by the Department of California on the back of the vest or jacket along with the Chapter Flare at the top of the Legion Riders Emblem and the members parent organization flare at the bottom of the Legion Riders Emblem. The back of the vest shall defined by an area from arm seam to arm seam when the vest is fastened and lying flat AND shall extend from the shoulder line to the bottom of the vest. The bottom flare designate(s) the member's organization status as follows: Post members – "Veteran"; Auxiliary Unit members – "Auxiliary"; Sons of the Legion members – "Squadron" (*only one bottom flare may be worn even by dual members*). The top flare will designate the respective chapter number or district number that the member belongs to. Flares shall be affixed to the vest or jacket adjoining the patch in the manner as provided by the ALR DOC Department Quartermaster. The emblem shall be placed with the chapter designation top line no less than 2 inches and not more than approximately 4 inches from the base collar seam when the vest is fastened and lying flat.

Section 8. No unauthorized Pins or Patches showing support for motorcycle clubs or their support organizations shall be worn on the American Legion Riders vest or jacket or on any other apparel while wearing the American Legion Riders vest or jacket. Motorcycle club is defined as an organization using the term "MC" or "motorcycle club" in its name or as part of its patch or is commonly known as such.

Section 9. The center patch and flares must be obtained through the Quartermaster store in accordance with the agreement between the American Legion Riders Department of California and the Quartermaster. The center patch and flares obtained from the DOC Quartermaster will remain unmodified. No adornments may be attached to the back patch and/or flares. Each Chapter will designate no more than two persons authorized to order the patch set from the Quartermaster. The authorization will be signed by the Chapter President and Secretary and communicated to the Quartermaster. The Quartermaster will not fill orders except to designees authorized a Chapter.

Section 10. Members at the time of the first annual convention in Fresno, March 31-April 1, 2007, may continue to wear their original existing vests and jackets without change if they do not comply with this MANUAL except for Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Section 11. The ALR is a program of The American Legion and is not a "motorcycle club," and as such, members are representatives of The American Legion. It is required that members dress in a manner that promotes a positive image for The American Legion, particularly when operating in group activities or interacting with the community. **No** Pins or Patches showing support for motorcycle clubs or their support organizations, containing profanity or representing lewd, sexual, and violent or other such behavior or

subjects shall be worn by members when they are engaged in an ALR activity or when wearing the ALR patch.

Section 12. All delegates to the Annual convention of the American Legion Riders shall wear a vest or jacket in compliance hereto to be issued credentials and while seated on the floor of the convention.

Section 13. Members must comply with these regulations on or before JUNE 19, 2015. Failure to comply shall be a basis for action as 'conduct unbecoming' pursuant to the Trial Manual of the ALR DOC. Chapter Presidents, Area Vice Presidents and all members of the Uniform Committee and ALR DOC Executive Committee are charged with advising and insuring members compliance with these regulations through the elected and appointed members thereon, or such other persons as expressly appointed thereby.

SECTION 14. THE "AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA UNIFORM MANUAL" IS THE OFFICAL STATEMENT OF THE PROPER DISPLAY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS BERET AND VEST REGALIA. ALL OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA MEMBERS SHALL; NO LATER THAN JUNE 19, 2015, BRING ALL BERETS AND VESTS DISPLAYING THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS EMBLEM CONTAINING THE AMERICAN LEGION EMBLEM INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THIS UNIFORM MANUAL.

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TOP Left Area

50 state American Flag Patch ~ 2-4" from top seam

Or the Highest Practical Location

CHAPTER # below flag base, OFFICER Below

TOP Right Area

POW/MIA Flag Patch ~ 2.25 -4.25" from top seam

Or the Highest Practical Location (but lower than the Flag)

Road Name or Name patch below POW/MIA Flag Patch

Designated Personal Area

8" DOWN from top shoulder seam to bottom seam

ALR APPROPRIATE PATCHES ALLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE UNIFORM MANUAL MAY BE WORN PER MEMBERS CHOICE

FRONT OF VEST

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BACK OF VEST WITH FLARES

NOTHING ELSE ALLOWED IN

DEFINED BACK AREA

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Top of back patch shall be 2" to 4" from base of collar seam



No other pins, patches, adornments or other regalia shall be worn on the back side of the vest/jacket.

From Right arm seam to Left arm seam and top seam to back bottom seam.