

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(ALRSC)

Constitution

Section 1. The Constitution of ALRSC Chapter 111 is the same as that of the American Legion Riders (ALR) of South Carolina. ALRSC Chapter 111, a program of Horry Post 111, shall also follow the Constitution of the American Legion Horry Post 111.

By-Laws of ALRSC-111

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section 1. The American Legion Riders Chapter existing under these By-Laws shall be known as ALRSC Chapter 111 and may also be referred to as ALRSC-111.

Section 2. The purpose of this Chapter is as set forth in the Constitution of both ALRSC and Horry Post 111.

Article II – Membership

Section 1. All member of ALRSC-111 must be a member of one of the organizations of Horry Post 111 of Conway or an approved member of one of the other organizations of the American Legion Department of South Carolina

Section 2. Any Legionnaire desiring to be a member of ALRSC-111 who is not a member of Horry Post 111, must be approved by Horry Post 111 for membership with ALRSC-111.

Section 3. All members must possess a current year membership card, and when required be able to show said membership card to appropriate officials. The back of all current American Legion membership cards may bear an ALR sticker or Chapter 111 stamp. Annual ALRSC-111 membership cards may be issued in addition to the American Legion membership card.

Section 4. Horry Post 111 or Department of South Carolina organizations that qualify an American Legion member for membership include the following:

1. The American Legion
2. American Legion Auxiliary
3. Sons of the American Legion

Section 5. Regular ALRSC-111 membership will consist of a member and/or their spouse who belong to a Horry Post 111 organization on an approved organization of the American Legion Department of South Carolina. Regular Chapter 111 members are as stated in Article II, Section 2 above. Members must own and provide a legal South Carolina driver's license and registration for a motorcycle/moto trike, or be the spouse of a member who owns said

motorcycle/motor trike of a least 350ccs. They must also provide current proof of insurance covering the cycle they intend to operate. Note – Motorcycle learner’s permits are authorized for one year only. Motorcycles, motor trikes and Spyders are vehicles with handlebars and not steering wheels. Slingshots do not qualify.

Section 6. Special membership may be bestowed to ALRSC-111 members who have become disabled or otherwise unable to ride, per ALRSC by-laws. Such members must have been prior members of ALRSC-111 for at least one year to qualify.

Section 7. Current members of other American Legion Posts located in the area of Post 111, can apply for ALRSC-111 Membership if their Post does not have an ALR Chapter and their Post provides written approval for such arrangement. It is understood, however, that this member must transfer back to their Post’s ALR should this post form and ALR Chapter. (Non-Post 111 members must be reviewed and their current Post must be contacted and agree to ALRSC-111 membership before ALRSC Chapter 111 membership is approved.)

Section 8. Current members of American Legion Horry Post 111 who meet qualifications as listed above under Article II, Sections 1 and 2, may apply for membership to another ALR Chapter, provided the Post is located in the general of Post 111, should ALRSC-111 be suspended or eliminated. Such members making said application, must receive written permission from Horry Post 111 Executive Committee and the ALR Executive Committee of the ALR Chapter being joined. These letters of permission concerning Sections 6 and 7 will be maintained by Horry Post 111 for legal purposes or as necessary.

Section 9. Any Horry Post 111 member who joins another Post’s ALR Chapter must resign from that ALR Chapter should an ALRSC-111 be reestablished. **NOTE:** Failure to do so after request from the Chapter 111 Executive Board will prompt a letter from Chapter 111 ALR to the Post 111 organization of which the person is a member, the ALRSC Executive Committee and the Horry Post 111 Executive Committee requesting the suspension of that member.

Section 10. No ALRSC Chapter 111 member can be a member of more than one Chapter of the American Legion Riders.

Section 11. Membership Review Board. Each ALRSC Chapter 111 membership application must be reviewed and then recommended for approval or disapproval by the Chapter 111 Executive Committee. If an application is disapproved by the Committee, a short note, letter, or Chapter 111 form must be completed to explain why, and it must be attached to the application. If an application is approved at that level, the applicant will be advised of their membership approval. **NOTE:** A copy of all applications, whether approved or disapproved, will be kept with the confidential ALRSC Chapter 111 records/files at all times. No dues will be accepted until an application is approved. A copy of the application, required forms and other documents, along with required dues payment, will then be forwarded to the American Legion Department of South Carolina. A copy of said documents will also be sent to the ALRSC Treasurer. The Chapter 111 Secretary and Treasurer will maintain a record of all dues payments in a consolidated ALSC Chapter 111 financial records book.

Article III – Files, Records and Meetings

Section 1. Records and files for all Chapter 111 members, meetings, and activities will be kept by the Chapter 111 ALR Secretary. Backup copies of all important ALRSC Chapter 111 meetings and general business will be kept in a file by the Chapter Director. An assistant may help the Secretary with their duties, if so authorized by the 111 Chapter Director. Access to this membership information should be confidential and limited to those with a need to know, and for official American Legion and/or ALRSC business only. **NOTE** - No visitors will be allowed to any Chapter 111 ALR meeting or event without permission of the Chapter 111 ALR Director.

Article IV – Membership Listing

Section 1. The ALRSC Chapter 111 membership rolls are listed A through Z, and not in order of submitted application. Dates each applicant applied is on the application.

Article V – 2014 Chapter 111 Charter Members

Section 1. ALRSC Chapter 111 (Charter Members) are the first ten (10) qualified members who signed the 2014 application that the 2014 Post 111 Charter Chairman Brent Davidson submitted to the 2014 ALRSC Executive Committee for consideration. **NOTE** - For all ALRSC Chapter 111 and Horry Post 111 historic purposes, a plaque listing the ten (10) members of the year 2014 will be considered as ALRSC Chapter 111 Charter Members. The Charter and Founding Member framed certificates or plaques will be placed and forever remain on the ALRSC Chapter 111 wall space at American Legion Horry Post 111, Conway, SC.

Article VI – American Legion Riders Meetings

Section 1. All regular Chapter 111 membership meetings, unless otherwise scheduled, will be held at **6:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month**, at Horry Post 111, Conway, SC.

Section 2. Emergency or Special meetings may be called by the Director, by request of a majority of the ALR 111 Officers, or a majority of the general membership.

Article VII – Conduct

Section 1. ALRSC Chapter 111 members will abide by all American Legion rules when at Post 111, or the rules of others when visiting any other organization or function.

Article VIII – ALR Officers, Committees and Post Oversight Representative

Section 1. ALRSC Chapter 111 officers will be: 1. The Director, 2. The Assistant Director, 3. The Secretary, 4. The Treasurer, 5. The Sergeant-at-Arms, 6. The Chaplain and 7. The Lead Road

Captain. These seven (7) officers will be voted on at each election, and when elected will serve as the ALRS Chapter 111 Executive Committee for the year elected. The Director may choose 3 appointed members to serve on the Executive Committee that are not current officers.
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Section 2. The newly elected Director must appoint or ask for volunteer Chairmen to form Chapter 111 operational committees such as: 1. The Fundraiser/Events Committee, 2 The By-Laws Committee, and others within two months after being elected. The Committee Chairman should then select or ask other members to serve on their committees. All Committee chairmen must submit the names of those serving on their committee to the Director for approval and documentation by the Chapter Secretary.

Section 3. ALR Chapter 111 has established that the Director and Assistant Director should be a Veteran. In the absence of Veterans who are willing and able to accept these positions, a non Veteran, who is a member in good standing of the Sons or Auxiliary, may be accepted to fill these position. A Chapter 111 ALR representative, should be available for Chapter reports at all general Horry Post 111 meetings unless excused. This will ensure there is no oversight for Horry Post 111. However, if the Commander deems that there is a need to establish oversight, it is under his authority to do so at any time, providing he/she provides written notification to the ALRSC Chapter Director. It is understood that any such Horry Post 111 Oversight representative is not an ALR Charter 111 Officer and has no Chapter 111 ALR privileges. They are present at regular meetings of the Chapter by authority of the Post Commander to observe only, and unless asked to do so, will not voice their opinions, or interfere with official matters of the Chapter in any way.

Article IX – Elections Eligibility and Term of Office

Section 1. Members listed as Regular members of ALRSC Chapter 111 who possess a current American Legion, Sons or Auxiliary membership card, and are in good standing with the American Legion Department of South Carolina, American Legion Horry Post 111, Sons or Auxiliary and ALRSC Chapter 111, may qualify as a candidate for office, if as indicated in Section 3, that a Veteran is not available to fill these positions.

Section 2. Members of the Auxiliary or the Sons can hold the office of Chapter 111 Director and Assistant Director provided a Veteran is not able nor available to hold.

Section 3. Terms of Office for all officers will be from the first day in January of one year to the first day in January of the next year.

Section 4. No member can run for office who is suspended from any American Legion organization unless a release is received from the suspending organization.

Section 5. No person can hold more than one office at the same time, but they can assist with a position that is open and not filled.

Article X – Elections (Nominations Day)

Section 1. Nominations of Officers will take place on the 3rd Thursday of October at the regular membership meeting, one month prior to the election in November. All nominees' names will be distributed by Chapter 111's email and be posted on the ALR 111 bulletin board, within 24 hours. These names will remain there until after the elections the following month (November).

Section 2. A two (2) person Election Committee will be selected at the meeting on the month before elections (October) and cannot be currently running for an Officer position.

Section 3. At the Nominations meeting in October, a total of three (3) additional calls for nominations at each officer position will prevail before opening the next position for nomination.

Section 4. If three (3) calls for nominations are completed for an office, and only one person has been nominated, a motion to close the nominations will be made. This one person's name will be the only name on the election ballot for that position unless other nominations come in over the month, until the day before the next meeting and election day.

Article XI – Election Day

Section 1. On Election Day each year, the meeting will be called to order at 6:00 pm by the Director, but there will be no business until after the election of Officers is final.

Section 2. There will be **NO** nominations from the floor on Election Day.

Section 3. The ballots listing the candidates of the members previously nominated for the respective offices will be completed by the approved election committee before 6:00 pm on the day of the election. There should be no more ballots available than there are eligible members of Chapter 111.

Section 4. All qualified voting members will be given a ballot after their name is checked as paid-up on the ALRSC Chapter 111 membership books. They will then vote for whom they desire and place where the ballots are being placed.

Section 5. There will be no write-in ballots counted.

Section 6. Members may wait until the results are announced, indicating the number of votes for each candidate (remove), or they can be excused. Candidates for Director may ask their representative to witness the vote count; however, they cannot disturb the committee or assist them with the count in any way.

Section 7. Before the election count is announced, the outgoing Director will reconvene the meeting to announce the results. All positions will be announced even if they were the only person on the ballot for that position. If all is satisfactory, the Director will close the election and the monthly meeting will continue. The results will be emailed to members and posted on the bulletin board provided to the Legion to update the webpage.

Section 8. Any candidate may ask for a recount if the vote is within one (1) vote to elect. The next count will be final.

Section 9. If this voting procedure must be modified, it must be done with an amendment to these ALRSC Chapter By-Laws.

Article XII – Non-Participation

Section 1. Any elected officer who fails to perform his/her duties or is absent without excuse from meetings for 3 consecutive meetings, may be removed from office, or asked to resign by the Executive Committee or the general membership of ALR Chapter 111. **NOTE – A** replacement Officer may be appointed by the Director with possible suggestions from the Executive Committee, and/or the general membership. If the vacated position has less than 6 months remaining, the Director may appoint a replacement officer. If the vacated position has more than 6 months remaining, an election will be called to vote on the position. The Officer being removed may appeal for a vote of the General membership. He/she can offer defense on his/her behalf. The defense may be in the form of a one (1) page letter to the membership, read by the Chapter Secretary, or h/she may speak to the membership for five (5) minutes before an appeals' vote is taken. The appealing officer will not be present after he/she speaks, and the vote, when taken, will be final.

Section 2. Any member removed from Office per Section 1 above will retain their Chapter 111 ALR membership, and be eligible for nomination in the following year, provided he/she is still a qualified full member in good standing.

Article XIII – Officer Description/Duties

Section 1. The Director is to coordinate all aspects of the Post 111 ALR Organization. He/she will act as the overall General Officer of all Chapter 111 ALR activities. He/she is responsible to the Horry Post 111 American Legion Executive Committee, the ALRSC Executive Committee and the American Legion of SC.

Section 2. The Assistant Director is to assist the Chapter 111 ALR Director in all matters concerning the organization, and to represent the Director in his/her absence. In the event the ALR Director is unable to perform their duties and/or resigns, the elected Assistant Director will immediately assume the Director's duties. He/she will remain Director for the duration of the past Director's term. A new Assistant Director must be elected by the general membership at a Special meeting of the membership as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (3) days of the Assistant Director assuming the Director's duties. Any change of ALRSC Chapter 111 Director or Assistant Director will be reported to the Horry Post 111 Executive committee and eh ALRESC Executive committee immediately.

Section 3. The Secretary will take minutes of all meetings, maintain minutes, and/or Chapter 111 forms and membership rolls, in a neat, secure manner. They will create necessary notices, and/or information for membership use. **NOTE – (A membership Chairman may be authorized by the Director and/or the Executive committee, if the workload of the Secretary becomes too intensive for him/her to maintain accurate and effective control of Chapter activities.)**

Section 4. The Treasurer will keep accurate and up-to-date records of all accounts, dues payments, and financial transactions associated with the Chapter 111 ALRSC organization.

(Removed: All financial business of the Chapter will be reported monthly to the ALRSC Chapter 111 membership, the ARLSC Executive committee, and the Horry Post 111 Executive Committee. A general audit of Chapter 111 accounts will be held by the Chapter 111 Executive Committee quarterly, and before all elections.

Article XIV – Official Financial Agreements of ALRSC Chapter 111

Section 1. All funds created by ALRSC Chapter 111 will be properly documented in the Chapter accounts book, deposited to an approved Chapter 111 checking account at the same bank utilized by American Legion Post 111. **NOTE** – All checks written must be authorized by the Director and the Treasurer.

Section 2. Any transactions involving funds to, or from the Chapter 111 checking account must be documented in the Chapter account's book at the time of the transaction. A report of all transactions will be presented in the ALRSC Chapter 111 Treasurer's report at all ALR executive and regular Chapter 111 membership meetings. Copies may also be forwarded to the Horry Post 111 Executive Committee if so requested.

Section 3. ALRSC Chapter 111 financial resources are to be primarily used to (1) Support special American Legion assistance programs such as the Legacy run for Veterans and Children's Foundation, (2) To support local and area Military units, including the Guard and Reserve (3) The Department of Veterans' Affairs/Veterans' Homeless Program (4) Assisting Horry Post 111 with emergency building and operational funds as necessary (5) For costs associated to organize and promote Chapter 111 fund raisers (6) For paying costs of awards and plaques given to sponsors and other worthy donors of ALRSC Chapter 111 (7) For assisting military and veterans' community organizations that work in full cooperation with ALRSC Chapter 111 and the American Legion at every level.

Section 4. All Chapter ALR 111 expenditures must be motioned from the floor at an official announced meeting of the ALR Chapter 111 membership. The Finance Committee, which consists of the Director, The Assistant Director, and the Treasurer must review and recommend all expenditures of Chapter funds. The general membership must then approve by majority vote all funds at a regular or special meeting of ALRSC Chapter 111. (A quorum of five (5) members is necessary to approve all expenditures).

Article XV – Legal Aspects and Procedures of ALRSC Chapter 111

Section 1. It is understood that from the time you first signed you Post 111 ALR application form and furthermore, to remain a member of the Horry Chapter 111, you acknowledged that each ALRSC Chapter 111 member is personally responsible for all South Carolina laws concerning the operation of a road vehicle, be it either motorbike, motor trike, or any other vehicle. Any special license, as well as your registration, your insurance requirements, and any other legal aspect are totally your responsibility and yours alone, and not that of the American Legion Post 111, the American Legion Riders of SC or Chapter 111.

Section 2. When you ride with the Chapter 111 ALRSC, it is understood that the American Legion, at any operational level, or ALRSC Chapter 111, are not responsible for traffic accidents, traffic fines, and/or any other traffic or civil violations any members may incur on their own account.

Section 3. When each of us first signed our application for ALR membership, we all agreed we would never bring a legal suit of any type against the American Legion or the American Legion Riders at any level. **NOTE** – This agreement is a requirement for membership in Chapter 111 of the ALRSC.

Section 4. All questions concerning the meetings of ALRSC Chapter 111 will be directed by the “ALRSC Chapter 111 By-Laws” and “Roberts Rules of Order”.

Article XV – Legal Aspects and Procedures of ALRSC Chapter 111

Section 1. No patch from another biker organization may be worn in conjunction with an ALRSC Chapter Vest, Jacket or Cap unless specifically authorized by the ALRSC. The Chapter 111 Executive Committee, or Horry Post 111 American Legion of SC ALRSC and Chapter 111 ALR patches should be placed above all patches except the Flag of the United State, and the POW/MIA patch when riding with or representing the ALRSC Chapter 111 Riders.

Section 2. An approved black leather vest, and ALR baseball cap or beret is the standard uniform when attending any official Chapter 111 event. When attending certain Veteran’s events, you may also wish to wear the Post 111 regular blue Legion cap.

Section 3. The large black patch should be worn on the center back of the vest or jacket. The patch will show your organization status, either Veteran member, Auxiliary member, or Sons of the American Legion (SAL) member. (An example of what you need on the patch when ordering will be available.) If ordering your own patches, remember to order only approved extra writing.

Section 4. The UIS Flag, the State Flag, the POW/MIA Flag, American Legion Rider or military patches should be the only authorized items worn above the large ALR back patch. Other American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and military patches can be worn under the large back patch. Deceased member “Memory” patches can be worn beside it, or under it. (There will be no rocker patches allowed that violate the integrity of the ALR patch.

Section 5. The American flag shall be worn on the front top left portion of the vest over the heart. The smaller ALR chest or shoulder patch should be worn below the ALRSC patch. Only authorized, earned ribbons and military awards may be worn between the ALR Chest patch and the US patch.

Section 6. The POW/MIA patch will be worn on the top right of the vest, but not above the US flag.

Section 7. Personal authorized military medals, patches or pins can be worn on the right side under the POW/MIA patch as well. An immediate family member’s service patch or pins may be worn front bottom right, under a (In Memory of my (_____) patch. Must be Dad, mom, son, daughter, brother, or sister only.

Section 8. Name tags can be obtained through American Legion Emblem sales.

Section 9. The ALR black with Eagle baseball hat is customary at all official functions or ALRSC.

Article XVI – Amendments to By-Laws

Section 1. Amendments to these By-laws must be made by presenting a written resolution to change a specific article, paragraph, or sentence of the By-Laws. The resolution must be presented at a regular meeting of the ALRSC Chapter 111 membership that has a quorum of five (5) members present. The resolution must then be posted on the ALRSC Chapter 111 and Horry Post 111 bulletin board for a period of two (2) months, and all members of Chapter 111 should be notified by electronic mail or other form of communication, that an amendment to the By-Laws has been proposed. A vote to amend the By-Laws can be aken after two regular membership meetings providing there is a quorum of five (5) members present, and all obligations as listed above have been followed. **A vote to amend these By-Laws must be by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership.**

Section 2. It is understood by all members that the quorum of members necessary to have an official meeting of ALRSC Chapter 111 may have to be increased as the membership grows. **This can be done by a motion, and vote at any regular legal meeting as so required.**

Article XVII – ALRSC Chapter 111 History Log

Section 1. Historic dates and events of ALRSC Chapter 111 should be maintained by the Horry Post 111 Historian for future Chapter 111 riders, and Horry Post 111 purposes.

Section 2. A written attachment to the master copy of the By-Laws should be maintained.

Section 3. A scrap book should be established by the ALRS Chapter 111 Historic Committee.

The above By-Laws were officially approved by the elected ALRSC Chapter 111 Executive Committee, and the ALRSC Chapter 111 Membership on May 16, 2024.

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**2024 Director
Brenda Silverman**

**2024 Commander
Louis Morse**

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**2024 Assistant Director
James Moro**

**2024 Adjutant
David Goodman**