

National AMVETS Riders

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)



Revisions from previous SOP's are annotated in bold red font.

Dues

- Dues are set at \$12.00 per member (Rider or Supporter) per year. This amount was established as part of the budget approval at the 2012 National Convention in Daytona.
 - Adopted August 12, 2012
 - Membership approval August 12, 2012

Committees

- National AMVETS Riders standing committees and chairperson shall be:

Committee	Chairperson
Membership	Riders National 1 st Vice President
Program Reporting	Riders National 2 nd Vice President
Finance	Riders National Treasurer
Audit	Riders National Treasurer
IRS 990 Compliance	Riders National Sergeant-at-Arms
CBL/Resolutions	Riders National Judge Advocate
Fundraising	Riders National Immediate Past President
Convention Rules	Riders National Judge Advocate
Uniform & Insignia	Riders National Sergeant-at-Arms
Long Range Planning	Riders National 2 nd Vice President
Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)	Riders National Judge Advocate
Scholarship	Riders National 1 st Vice President Riders National Chaplain Riders National Immediate Past President
Death Benefit	Riders National Chaplain Riders National Treasurer Riders National 1 st Vice President
Mid-Year	Riders National Immediate Past President
Delegates	Riders National Secretary Riders National Communication Officer
Officer Qualifications	Riders National Secretary Riders National Communication Officer
Gold Star Families	Riders National Chaplain

- Adopted May 5, 2017
- Membership approval May 6, 2017
- Revised and adopted August 24, 2019

Membership

- In the event of a Chapter folding, either by charter surrender or revocation, a member who was in good standing at the time shall have no longer than ninety (90) days to transfer to another Chapter. If any member affected by this closing is a Department or National Officer, they may continue to hold said office for this ninety (90) day period. If after ninety (90) days any member has not transferred their membership privileges are terminated.
 - Adopted May 5, 2017
 - Membership approval May 6, 2017
- Individual members that have not paid current year dues by July 1st will be dropped from the membership roster for said year, must apply for membership for the next year as a new member.
 - Adopted May 5, 2017
 - Membership approval May 6, 2017
- Any member of this organization that receives suspension by their parent organization, upon their reinstatement, shall be prohibited from holding any AMVETS Riders office at any level, for a period of two (2) years from the date of reinstatement.
 - Adopted August 11, 2018
 - Membership approval August 11, 2018
- Once a member has provided proof of eligibility to be an AMVETS Rider (legally permitted to operate a motorcycle, registration, and proof of insurance where applicable) to the Chapter President and one other Chapter Officer upon their application their documentation shall be protected from any further scrutiny. The status of any individual Rider shall be maintained only at the Chapter level. If a member's status is questioned at the National or Department level, said member's Chapter President shall honestly verify the information and report on that status. In the case that the Chapter President for any reason provide false information, then the Chapter President shall be charged accordingly. The required eligibility can be required by the Chapter to verify the annual dues and remittance. The required eligibility shall not be required at National or Department level for purposes to determine delegate status for conferences or conventions.
 - Adopted August 24, 2019
 - Membership approval August 24, 2019

Qualifications for National Office from Department members

- The qualification to hold a National AMVETS Riders elected office are as follows:
 - Have been an elected Department Officer for a period of two (2) years and either attended two (2) National Meetings, Mid-Year or Convention, or sat on a National Committee for a period of two (2) years.

OR

 - Have held a National AMVETS Riders appointed office for a period of two (2) years
 - The qualification to hold a National AMVETS Riders appointed office are as follows:
 - No qualifications required
 - The qualification to hold the office of National President are as follows:
 - Must have held a National AMVETS Riders elected office for at least two (2) years.
- Adopted August 11, 2017
 - Membership approval August 12, 2017

Qualifications for National Office from Non-Department members

- The qualification to hold a National AMVETS Riders elected office from a non-department are as follows:
 - Have been a Chapter President for a period of two (2) years and either attended three (3) National Meetings, Mid-Year or Convention, or sat on a National Committee for a period of three (3) years.**OR**
 - Have held a National AMVETS Riders appointed office for a period of two (2) years
- The qualification to hold a National AMVETS Riders appointed office are as follows:
 - No qualifications required
- The qualification to hold the office of National President are as follows:
 - Must have held a National AMVETS Riders elected office for at least two (2) years.
- Adopted August 24, 2019
- Membership approval August 24, 2019

National Officers from a single Department

- The maximum number of AMVETS Riders National officers from a single Department at one time shall be limited to the following:
 - There shall be no more than two (2) elected and one (1) appointed officers from one Department**OR**
 - There shall be no more than two (2) appointed and one (1) elected officers from one Department
- Adopted August 11, 2017
- Membership approval August 12, 2017

Uniform and Insignia

- Past National AMVETS Commanders who are AMVETS Riders may wear a light grey beret.
- Ceremonial gold beret awarded to the National AMVETS Commander may be worn only while serving their term of National AMVETS Commander.
- Current National AMVETS Riders President may wear a “National” top rocker and “President” bottom rocker.
 - Adopted August 22, 2025
 - Membership approval August 22, 2025