



# **AMVETS RIDERS**

## **SIXTEENTH ANNUAL**

### **NATIONAL CONVENTION**

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## AMVETS Riders Mission Statement

***We the AMVETS 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.***

# PRESIDENT'S PROJECT





## 2025 MID-YEAR RALLY

The 2025 Mid-Year rally was hosted by Ohio Chapter 2256, in Circleville, April 24 – 26. This year's rally as with all our rally's, was attended by AMVETS Riders across riders' nation. All attendees had a great time, as our host provided excellent facilities, great food, and a welcoming environment for conducting both business and fun.



## 2025 MID-YEAR RALLY MINUTES

Location: Chapter 2256, Circleville, OH Date:

April 24-26, 2025

Called to Order By: President Natalie Cummings Invocation:

Jeremiah Botkin, RNC

Pledge of Allegiance: J.D. Dotson, RNSAA

Riders Creed: J.D. Dotson, RNSAA

### Roll Call – National Officers

Position	Name	Status
President	Natalie Cummings	Present
1st Vice President	Paul Spuni	Present
2nd Vice President	Kurt Knechtie	Present

Treasurer	Jason Doff	Present
Sgt. at Arms	J.D. Dotson	Present
Judge Advocate	Tom McNamara	Present
Secretary	^vacant^	—
Chaplain	Jeremiah Botkin	Present
Communications Officer	William Sifford	Present
Publications Officer	Craig Anthony	Present
PNP	John Reando	Present

## Department Presidents/Representatives

Department	Representative	Status
Florida	James Merritt	Present
Georgia	Iina Goss	Present
Indiana	Jason Tremblay	Present
Kentucky	JK May	Present
Michigan	Joel Trombley	Absent
Ohio	Barbara Cruse	Present
Wisconsin	Larry Redman	Present
New York	Roy Randall	Present

## Introductions / Guests

- Jan Brown, PNC
- JP Brown, PNC
- Joe Chenelly, Executive Director AMVETS
- Paul Shipley, National 1st Vice AMVETS
- Sandy Vorhies, National 2nd Vice AMVETS

## Delegate Count

Total Delegates: 254

Registered: 77 On

the Floor: 74

Majority Vote: 39

## Opening

Tom McNamara noted that the minutes from the National Convention were published online—motion to approve the minutes as written made by Jan Brown, seconded by Danny Steinbrook. Motion passed.

## Officers Reports

President: Natalie Cummings

President Natalie Cummings thanked AMVETS Riders Chapter 2256, Circleville, and the Ohio Riders for hosting the 2025 Mid-Year Rally. Her project focus this year is Suicide Awareness, specifically the 'We Got You' initiative. Members are encouraged to spread awareness through social media and photos. Upcoming key events include:

- National Convention in Greensboro, NC (August 20–23)
- Rolling to Remember (Memorial Day Weekend)

Volunteers are needed for Rolling to Remember. Information is available on the AMVETS and R2R websites.

Awards due by July 15th: Guardian Award, Department Rider of the Year, Rider of the Year, and Supporter of the Year.

1st Vice President – Paul Spuhl:

My Report is in the book. As of now, we have 118 Chapters and 2,995 members.

Encouraged continued growth and retention by staying involved in national and chapter-level events.

2nd Vice President – Kurt Knechtle:

Reported a total of \$21,315,270.11 in community service value nationally.

Recognized top-reporting states: Florida, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, and Michigan.

Highlighted close competition between Ohio 76 and Florida 44, with only a \$40,000 difference. Praised chapters for their continued efforts despite recent challenges.

Judge Advocate:

Report in book. Requested adoption of the 2025 National Convention Rules. Key changes include registration only during set hours—motion made by Kevin Madison (NY), seconded by Dan Cruz (OH). Motion passed.

Sergeant at Arms:

Report in book. Emphasized need for uniformity and proper attire among members.

Treasurer – Jason Dolf:

Reported that 1,141 tickets were sold in the national fundraiser, raising over \$10,000. There were 124 registrations for the Mid-Year Rally. Presented the 2025–2026 budget included in the book. Motion by Barbara Wagner to accept the 2025-2026 Budget, seconded by Jame Merritt. Motion passed.

Chaplain:

Report in the book. Discussed scholarship committee (8 applicants, 5 selected). Gold Star Committee updates and donations collected for Gold Star Mothers and RTR event in Washington, D.C. Passed hat around the room and collected donations for Gold Star Mother event happening at Rolling to Remember in May, Memorial weekend.

Communications Officer:

Report in the book. Emphasized importance of correct emails in roster and professional conduct on Facebook. Reminded members they are recruiters when wearing vests.

Publications Officer:

Report in the book. Manages website updates. Email will be posted for direct contact. Encouraged RTR participation.

Past National President – John Reando:

Loved seeing the camaraderie displayed at the rally. Noted how members were engaging with Riders from other chapters and states, reflecting the unity and fellowship promoted within the organization.

Mid-Year Committee

Committee members: PNP George Cummings, PNP John Reando, PNP Tom McNamara.

Three bids submitted: FL312, MO113, and KY110.

Vote results by show of hands:

- MO113: 19 votes
- FL312: 4 votes
- KY110: 51 votes

Motion to hold the 2026 Mid-Year Rally at KY110 made by Barbara Wagner, seconded by Jason Tremblay. Motion passed.

Department Reports

- Florida – James Merrit (filling in)
- Indiana – Jason Tremblay
- Iowa – Ron Marrah
- Ohio – Barbara Cruz
- Georgia – Tina Goss
- Michigan – Joel Trembley
- Kentucky – JR May
- Missouri – Viking (Anthony Huelsmann)
- Wisconsin – Larry Redmann (filling in)

Motion to approve officers and committee reports made by Danny Steinbrook, seconded by James Merrit. Motion passed.



## Old Business

Tom McNamara, RNJA: No old business to carry over from previous minutes.

## New Business

Tom McNamara (RNJA) addressed the SOP adopted on August 26, 2023, regarding holding Chapter office only at one's parent organization's post.

Motion to remove that SOP verbiage made by Jan Brown, seconded by JR May. Clarification requested by Linda Botkin. Motion passed.

## New SOP verbiage introduced:

'Members-at-Large (MAL) of the AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, and Sons of AMVETS may join an existing Chapter of the AMVETS Riders only after becoming a VERIFIED member of a Post or Squadron. AMVETS Riders MAL criteria remain as outlined in Unified Constitution 7.7 and By-Laws 5.2(D).'

Motion to accept: Dan Cruz (OH), second: Jason Tremblay (IN). Motion passed.

Jim Sadler (TX36) raised concern about lack of Quarter Master presence at Mid-Year/Convention. Suggested Riders have their own Quarter Master.

Joe Chenelly (Executive Director, AMVETS) responded that AMVETS is working on Quarter Master and they will attend convention.

## Nominations opened for national offices:

- President: Natalie Cummings – Accepted
- 1st Vice: Paul Spuhl – Accepted
- 2nd Vice: Kurt Knechtle – Accepted
- Treasurer: Jason Dolf – Accepted
- Sgt. at Arms: J.D. Dotson – Accepted
  
- Judge Advocate: Roy Randall (NY), Robert Whistler (IN), Bruce McElhaney (TX) Nominations

now closed until the second round at National Convention.

- Good & Welfare

JR May: 50th anniversary of end of Vietnam War. Encourage everyone to thank and welcome home Vietnam Veterans.



## Closing

President Natalie Cummings thanked Amy Mullins, Chapter President of 2256 Circleville, and Chapter 2256 Riders for hosting the Mid-Year Rally. She reminded members about the National Convention in August and Rolling to Remember on Memorial Day weekend. 'We Got You' stickers are available. She looks forward to visiting more chapters this year.

Closing Prayer  
Given by Jeremiah Botkin, RNC.

## Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn. Motion passed.



## 2025 ROLLING TO REMEMBER



If you didn't have the opportunity to attend this amazing and awe-inspiring event, it is an event that everyone should try to attend at least once. AMVETS is the host of this amazing event and continues to lead the way in Veterans support and awareness. RTR is designed to ***“raise awareness of the mental health crisis stealing thousands of veterans’ lives a year and demand full accounting for America’s Missing in Action and Prisoners of War”***.

From the thundering sound of thousands of motorcycles rolling around our nation's capital prior to the actual RTR event, to the friendships made when meeting motorcycle riders from all over the U.S. and Canada, the total experience of RTR is one that will always be cherished. Highlights of RTR included, Gold Star Mother's banquet, Blessing of the Bikes, Placing of the Wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Wall and of course the execution of the demonstration ride itself.



Blessing Of The Bikes  
Rolling To Remember 2025  
Washington National Cathedral





# AMVETS Riders 2025 Convention Rules

## I - REGISTRATION

The following Rules for the National Convention have been presented to the National Executive Committee during the 2025 Mid-Year Rally Meeting and have been adopted as the governing procedures for the Annual National Convention. These Convention Rules will be presented to delegates for adoption by a majority vote at the start of the Convention.

1. **Pre-Registration:** The National Secretary or National Communications Officer shall send each Chapter and Department official convention registration materials and instructions of the registration process. **Each delegate, alternate, or national officer may pre-register no later than July 20<sup>th</sup>, prior to the start of the convention. Those submitting pre-registration via U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than July 20<sup>th</sup>, prior to convention start date. If not registered by the aforementioned date, delegates, alternates or National Officers will register at convention at the on-site rate.** Chapter and/or Department Revalidations are pre-requisites to acceptance of Chapter and Department pre-registration requests by the Credentials Committee at the National Convention.
2. **Membership Transfers:** A member who has transferred from one Chapter to another must be a member of the new Chapter for at least six months prior to the opening of the National Convention to be eligible to register as a delegate or alternate at the Convention.
3. **Registration at the National Convention:** To register at the National Convention, a delegate, alternate or National Officer must be a member in good standing on the National membership rolls for at least 30 days prior to the opening of the National Convention.
  - Chapters must be chartered no later than 1 May of each year to be eligible to vote at the National Convention.
  - At the registration desk, each registrant will verify that they have pre-registered and verify if they are a delegate or not. Those non-members wishing to register as a guest are required to present a photo identification card.
  - Registration fees will be as follows:
    - a. **Pre-registration will be postmarked no later July 20<sup>th</sup>, prior to start of convention.....\$10.00**
    - b. **On-site registration (all registering at convention) .....\$20.00**
  - Once the credentials have been verified by the Credentials Committee and payment is received, the registrants name shall be entered in the registration data base; and the registrant will receive proof of registration, unless the respective Chapter or Department has not been revalidated as required by the AMVETS Riders National Constitution.  
All accounts payable or any other requirements for accreditation must be settled prior to registration.
    - a. Members of the AMVETS Riders who are AMVETS, Ladies Auxiliary, or Son’s of AMVETS and are attending the National Convention must register as an AMVETS,/Ladies Auxiliary, Son’s of AMVETS (Parent Organization) as well as the AMVETS Riders.



Must show Proof of registration with the (Parent Organization) when registering with the AMVETS Riders.

- b. Past National Presidents are not required to pay a registration fee.

**Note:** Delegate’s convention registration fees are non-refundable.

**Convention Registration Desk:** All National Convention registrations will be conducted at the registration desk only, according to the schedule below.

**Note:** No special accommodation will be provided for registration outside of NORMAL registration hours.

**NO REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 7:30 a.m. SATURDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup>**

(Those in line at 7:30 am will be registered)

**THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR REGISTRATION ARE:**

<b>All Times Are Local Central Daylight Saving</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Times</b>
Thursday	21 August	8:00 am – 11:30 am 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Friday	22 August	8:00 am – 11:30 am 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Saturday	23 August	7:00 am – 7:30 am

**The AMVETS Riders General Meeting will be conducted as a split session. The first session will consist of approval of the Convention Rules, roll call of delegates, and election of officers. The meeting will be suspended until a time to be announced for the second session where the remainder of business will be concluded. This is necessary to allow the new officers to be installed with all other subordinate groups at the AMVETS meeting. The elected AMVETS Riders officers will take office at the end of the Riders Convention.**

**II -DELEGATE STRENGTH**

As defined by Article 5 delegate voting strength is defined in the following manner:

5.1 The National Convention shall be comprised of the following:

A.) Each Chapter shall be entitled to two delegates and two alternates for its first 50 members or fraction thereof. Thereafter, a Chapter shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for each additional 50 members. The Riders National Headquarters will determine the total number of delegates per Chapter based on the Chapter Dues Remittance Forms as of the 1st day of July each year.

B.) Each Department President shall have a vote as a member of the National Executive Committee.

C.) Each member of the National Executive Committee shall be entitled to vote. All Riders Past National President shall be entitled to one vote collectively at the National Convention, provided the member’s Chapter and Department are in good standing. The National President shall vote only in the case of a tie.



5.2 Elections will be held at the Annual Convention, at a location to be announced no later than one hour prior to the start of the Convention. The voting will be done by hand or by voice.

5.3 Nominations of Officers will be made from the floor at the regularly scheduled general membership meeting prior to the Annual Convention.

### III- THE MEETING

1. A minimum of twenty-five registered voting delegates shall be required to constitute a national convention. In excess of 50% of the delegates registered at the national convention must be on the floor of the convention floor to constitute a quorum.
2. Except as otherwise specified by these rules, Robert's Rules of Order, shall govern the proceedings of this National Convention.
3. At the general meetings of the convention, delegates and alternates shall be seated by Departments and Chapter, other AMVETS Riders members or guests, who are registered, but not delegates or alternates, shall be seated in a separate area as designated by the National President.
4. The Chairman shall preserve order and shall call upon the National SAA and his deputies to assist him, if necessary. The chairman shall require adherence to these rules and shall decide questions of order and procedure, subject to the decision of a majority of delegates present and voting on the convention floor.
5. The order of business shall be determined by the chairman in accordance with the published agenda of the convention.
6. Delegates, alternates, and guests must have proof of registration prominently displayed to be present on the convention floor.
7. DRESS CODE FOR AMVETS RIDERS NATIONAL MEETING WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
  - A. Riders Unadulterated Beret and in the proper color.
  - B. Black Boots or Black Shoes.
  - C. Riders Patched Vest or a plain unadulterated Black Vest
  - D. Red AMVETS, Auxiliary, Sons or AMVETS Riders Dress Shirt/Long Sleeve or Short Sleeve.
  - E. Black or Blue colored Jeans, slacks, or Black Skirts in Good Condition.
  - F. A Riders Patched Jacket or plain Jacket as stated in Article 13 may be worn.
8. To assist in minute preparation and floor control, each delegate desiring to address the Convention body shall proceed to the nearest numbered microphone and wait to be recognized from the podium. Upon recognition, the delegate shall clearly state for the record his/her name, Chapter number and Department. The National SAA assisted by Deputy SAA's, shall maintain order at the Microphones.
9. The National SAA shall be assisted by such Deputy SAA as the National President appoints.
10. Instances of disorder or misconduct by a Riders member shall be reported to the National SAA. Upon request of the National President the SAA shall investigate the matter and refer offenders(s) to the floor for dismissal from the Convention if so warranted.



## **IV – RESOLUTIONS**

1. No resolution shall be discussed on the Convention floor unless it has been previously considered by appropriate National Convention reporting Committee(s). Resolutions originating from the Convention floor will be read and referred by the chairman to the appropriate committee. Copies of such resolutions shall be provided to each Chapter for review prior to consideration by the Convention body. In any case, no formal vote shall take place on any resolution originating from the Convention floor until minimum of one hour has expired after reading to the assembled body.
2. All resolutions originating at the National Convention shall be typewritten, submitted in proper resolution form, and duly signed by originator or appropriated National Committee Chairperson.
3. Each Convention reporting committee shall consider only resolutions in which the subject matter pertains to the duties and functions of that particular committee. Resolutions that a committee does not consider its proper charge shall be referred by such committee to the proper committee. All resolutions received by the Resolutions Committee shall be assigned to one or more appropriated National Committees. The Resolutions Committee shall take no further actions on resolutions other than assignment or reassignment. Decisions involving the assignment or reassignment of resolutions by the Resolutions Committee shall be final, including the return of a resolution to the committee to which it was originally assigned.
4. All Committee Chairpersons or their designated committee representatives shall be present on the Convention floor during the consideration of resolutions to report committee recommendations. Absence of a committee chairperson or designated committee member will not preclude final action on resolutions considered by that committee, including resolutions originated by that committee.
5. All resolutions shall be treated as main motions and shall require a second in order to be considered. Upon receiving a second, the Convention Chairperson shall open debate by requesting the considering committee(s) recommendation. If the recommendation is negative, the committee spokesperson shall state the reason for such recommendation. After committee recommendations, the Convention Chairperson shall open discussion to the delegates.

## **V-DEBATE**

1. Debate shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker. No more than five speakers on each side of a question shall be permitted to speak upon the same subject except by unanimous consent of the Convention Body.
2. Total debate on any subject shall be limited to one hour. However, debate on a resolution may be extended to a greater time by majority vote of the delegates present on the Convention floor, and the time allotted shall be evenly divided between the proponents and opponents of the resolution. The floor shall be permitted only one time to any individual delegate on any subject except by unanimous consent of the delegates present, however, a delegate who originally proposes a matter may be accorded on minute rebuttal.



## VI-VOTING

1. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. An alternate shall have all the rights and privileges of their delegate except they shall vote only in the delegates' absence. No delegates vote will be counted unless he/she can present valid proof of their registration.
2. Voting shall be by voice, hand or secret ballot at the discretion of the presiding office, except when a roll call is ordered by the chairperson or upon request of at least five (5) Chapter delegations.
3. Each Chapter shall select a chair- person who shall announce the vote of his/her delegation. When any delegate thereof entitled to vote demands the roll call of any Chapter/Department delegation, the Credentials Chairperson, using the registration file, shall call the roll of Chapters and the names of the delegates appearing therein. As each delegate's name is called, he/she shall then be required to announce his/her vote at a floor microphone so that it may be officially recorded. Subject to the above limitations, any voting delegate of the Convention may demand a count of any delegation thus casting its vote for the sole purpose of determining whether an equal number of voting delegates present on the convention floor supports the announce vote. If there are fewer delegates present on the floor than the votes announced, then the Credentials Committee shall use the registration file to poll the delegation(s) to obtain the correct count.
4. Votes cast by a Chapter cannot be challenged after the next Department has been called.
5. Unit rule and proxy voting will not be permitted.

## VII-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Each reporting committee chairperson or his/her substitute shall present a report of that committees meeting to the Convention body for approval.
2. The Credentials Committee shall report orally at the beginning of each session of the Convention and whenever called by the presiding officer. A final report shall be submitted to the Riders National Executive Secretary for the permanent records.

## VII-NOMINATIONS

1. Duly registered delegates shall make nominations and supporting speeches for National Officers from the floor, except that nominations and supporting speeches for National President may be made from the podium.
2. Nominations and elections of National Officers shall be conducted in the following order:
  - National President
  - National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
  - National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
  - National Treasurer
  - National Sergeant-at-Arms
  - National Judge Advocate



3. Nominations and seconding speeches for National Officers other than the National President shall be limited to two minutes each. Nominating speeches for National President shall be limited to five minutes each. Not more than two seconding speeches may be made on behalf of candidates for National President and one such speech for candidates for other offices.
4. Persons wishing to be nominated for office, but unable to be present during nominations shall make such wishes known, in writing, to the Credentials Chairman. Such request shall include a statement that the person promises, if elected, to fulfill the duties of the office to the best of his/her ability, be duly signed and dated.
5. No person shall be nominated for or accept a nomination for more than one (1) National Office.

## **IX-ELECTIONS**

1. Election of all National Officers shall be by delegates present and voting on the convention floor. After the second ballot for any office, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped on the succeeding ballot. Following each ballot thereafter, the candidate receiving the fewest votes will be eliminated from the ballot and balloting will continue in this manner until one candidate receives the majority of the votes cast.
2. A candidate elected to and accepting a National Office shall be ineligible for nomination or election for any other National Office.
3. All voting shall be by hand or voice or secret ballot. If a roll call vote is requested no Chapter may change or correct its vote or be challenged by a delegate of that Chapter within the same ballot after the next Chapter has been recognized. A Chapter may pass, however, when first called upon to vote.

## **X-SUSPENSION OF RULES**

1. A section or sections of these rules may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present on the floor if such suspension is not in conflict with the National Constitution and By-laws.

## **XI-MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Posting of banners and signs (except the signs placed by the Convention Committee designating the seating arrangements for Departments) in the Convention Hall is prohibited, as well as, in those areas prohibited by hotel and convention center management.
2. A permanent file shall be kept by the Credentials Committee of the proof of eligibility of candidates to be attested to by Credentials Committee Chairman or Co-Chairman and one other member of the Credentials Committee.



Resolution: 2025-001

**Riders Unified By-Laws Subject: Amend ARTICLE XIII: Uniform and Insignias**

**Submitted by: AMVETS Riders Department of New York**

**Whereas:** Patch placement was established in Article 13.4 regarding required patches on the top left and top right of the Riders vest.

**And Whereas:** It is important to maintain conformity with patch placement and to clarify patch requirements.

**And Whereas;** 13.4 currently reads

**B.) TOP RIGHT SIDE**

1.) 2” or 3” Hat patch for (AMVETS. Auxiliary, Sons of AMVETS), a POW/MIA patch may be worn above the Hat patch but must be lower than the American Flag patch on the vest.

**Therefore, be it resolved to:** to amend Article XIII, Section 13.4, B.1 to read as:

**ARTICLE XIII: UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIAS**

**13.4**

**B.) TOP RIGHT SIDE**

1.) A POW/MIA patch **SHALL** be worn above the Hat patch but must be lower than the American Flag patch on the vest. **Also a 2” or 3” Hat patch for (AMVETS. Auxiliary, Sons of AMVETS) shall be worn under the MIA patch.**

Committee Recommendation    Adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt (as amended) \_\_\_\_\_ Reject \_\_\_\_\_  
Convention Delegate Vote        Adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt (as amended) \_\_\_\_\_ Reject \_\_\_\_\_



Resolution: 2025-002

**Riders Unified Constitution Subject: Amend ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP  
Submitted by: AMVETS Riders CBL Committee**

**Whereas:** Article VII sets forth the requirements of admittance into an AMVETS Riders Chapter.

**And Whereas:** Section 7.1 states “Membership in the AMVETS Riders shall be limited to members in good standing of AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, or Sons of AMVETS.” It does not account for MAL members that are in good standing.

**And Whereas:** Section 7.1 is unclear about the intent of an applicant trying to gain a Riders Chapter membership without becoming a VERIFIED member of a Post, Auxiliary or Squadron.

**Therefore, be it resolved:** To amend Article VII, Section 7.1 to change to read as:

**ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP**

7.1 Membership in the AMVETS Riders shall be limited to members in good standing of AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, or Sons of AMVETS. **Applying member must be a VERIFIED member of a Post, Auxiliary or Squadron prior to acceptance to the Riders Chapter.**

Committee Recommendation    Adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt (as amended) \_\_\_\_\_ Reject \_\_\_\_\_  
Convention Delegate Vote      Adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt (as amended) \_\_\_\_\_ Reject \_\_\_\_\_



Resolution: 2025-003

**Riders Unified Constitution Subject: Amend ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP  
Submitted by: AMVETS Riders CBL Committee**

**Whereas:** Article VII sets forth the requirements of admittance into an AMVETS Riders Chapter.

**And Whereas:** Section 7.7 specifies that a Member at large will be accepted in the AMVETS Riders.

**And Whereas:** Section 7.7 is unclear about the intent of the Member at Large being an AMVETS Rider Member at large and has been used to try gain a Riders Chapter membership without becoming a VERIFIED member of a Post, Auxiliary or Squadron.

**Therefore, be it resolved to:** to amend Article VII, Section 7.7 to change to read as:

**ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP**

7.7

1) **Members-at-Large (MAL) of the AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of AMVETS may join an existing Chapter of the AMVETS Riders only after becoming a VERIFIED member of a Post, Auxiliary or Squadron.**

2) **AMVETS Riders** Members at Large will be accepted as AMVETS Riders. These Members at Large shall not be entitled to vote, hold office, or wear the AMVETS Riders uniform until they attach themselves to an existing Riders Chapter where they shall meet all the criteria of Riders Membership. Members at large shall be under jurisdiction of the National AMVETS Riders.

Committee Recommendation    Adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt (as amended) \_\_\_\_\_ Reject \_\_\_\_\_  
Convention Delegate Vote        Adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt (as amended) \_\_\_\_\_ Reject \_\_\_\_\_



Resolution: 2025-004

**Riders Unified By-Laws Subject: ARTICLE V: MEMBERS  
Submitted by: AMVETS Riders CBL Committee**

**Whereas:** Article V sets forth the requirements of admittance into an AMVETS Riders Chapter.

**And Whereas:** Section 7.2 D.) states;

D.) Members at Large will be accepted as AMVETS Riders. These Members at Large shall not be entitled to vote, hold office, or wear the AMVETS Riders uniform until they attach themselves to an existing Riders Chapter where they shall meet all the criteria of Riders Membership. At that time, they shall have full membership privileges. Members at Large shall be under the jurisdiction of the National AMVETS Riders.

**And Whereas:** Section 7.2 D.) does not specify that the Member at Large is specific to the AMVETS Riders.

**Therefore, be it resolved:** To amend Article VII, Section 7.2 D.) and add 7.2 E.) to change to read as:

**ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP**

D.) **AMVETS Riders Members-at-Large (MAL)** will be accepted as AMVETS Riders. These Members at Large shall not be entitled to vote, hold office, or wear the AMVETS Riders uniform until they attach themselves to an existing Riders Chapter where they shall meet all the criteria of Riders Membership. At that time, they shall have full membership privileges. **AMVETS Riders Members-at-Large (MAL)** shall be under the jurisdiction of the National AMVETS Riders.

**E.) Members-at-Large (MAL) of the AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of AMVETS may join an existing Chapter of the AMVETS Riders only after becoming a VERIFIED member of a Post, Auxiliary or Squadron.**

Committee Recommendation    Adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt (as amended) \_\_\_\_\_ Reject \_\_\_\_\_  
Convention Delegate Vote        Adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt (as amended) \_\_\_\_\_ Reject \_\_\_\_\_



## AMVETS Riders Immediate Past National President

Greetings Legendary AMVETS Riders!

I'd like to welcome everyone to the Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina!

I'm looking very forward to seeing all of our legendary AMVETS Riders again this year! Getting all the business done and the camaraderie that comes with it, is the goal our National Convention and your National Board. Be safe on your travels!

LRB/LRS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Reando".

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## AMVETS Riders National President

### **Welcome to Greensboro, NC!**

It is with great pride and heartfelt appreciation that we welcome you to the **National AMVETS Riders Convention** here in beautiful Greensboro, North Carolina. This annual gathering is more than just a meeting — it's a celebration of our shared mission, our accomplishments, and the unwavering spirit of the AMVETS Riders family.

Over the next few days, you'll have the opportunity to connect with Riders from every corner of the country, share ideas, strengthen bonds, and chart a path forward that continues to honor and serve our veterans. These moments together are where friendships are deepened, partnerships are forged, and the future of our organization takes shape.

I want to extend my deepest thanks to the **National AMVETS Riders Board** and to the **entire AMVETS Riders membership**. Your hard work, dedication, and passion have made this past year a resounding success. Together, we've not only upheld the values that define us but have also taken bold steps toward growth and innovation. Your willingness to serve, lead, and support one another is helping us move into the future stronger than ever.

Let us use this convention as a time to celebrate what we've achieved, to listen and learn from each other, and to commit ourselves to the work ahead. The road we ride is paved with service, camaraderie, and the steadfast belief that our veterans deserve nothing less than our very best.

We look forward to an inspiring and productive convention — **let's ride forward together!**

LRB/LRS

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## AMVETS Riders National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice

Greetings Riders Nation!

Welcome Riders Nation to Convention 2025!  
I am honored to be your National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

We've had two great events so far this year; an impactful representation in Washinton DC for **Rolling to Remember** which also included the **Blessing of the Bikes** at the National Cathedral and the **Candlelight Vigil** at the Vietnam Memorial and **Fantastic Mid-Year Rally** hosted by Circleville OHIO Post 2256.

Riders Nation Chartered 11 Chapters this past year; Florida 447, Florida 2006, North Carolina 777, Ohio 84, Ohio 1991, Ohio 124, Pennsylvania 85, Wisconsin 1, Texas 53, New York 111 and the first Chapter in West Virginia – WV30 !

39 Chapters Earned the Designation of Quality Chapters; Reporting turned in timely, Chapter Growth and membership documents turned in timely.

Membership as of August 2025 is over 3,250 members strong!  
New membership process coming for 2026!

Have fun, Introduce yourself to someone new, make new connections, learn something new and stay on the mission.

Remember what I always say; ***"gnore the Noise and Stay on the Mission"***.  
God Bless Our Veterans, Our Active-Duty Personnel and Our Fallen Heroes.

LRB/LRS

*Paulie*  
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## AMVETS Riders National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

Welcome Riders Nation to 2025 Convention!

Hope you all have very good convention with Riders as well as your parent organization. I will throw some reporting numbers at you all. Very impressive, as expected. Congrats to all on another record-breaking year. I am so proud to represent this organization. OK, here we go! We reported **\$30,290,977.81!** That's \$3 million over last year.

We had 2 Depts. over \$9 million, separated by a mere \$110 thousand, We also had 6 Chapters with at least \$1 million, 1 with \$3 million, another with \$2 million. All 10 of our Depts. had 100% reporting, and 9 Chapters reporting grew by 80%+.

Thank you for the great year we all shared and look forward to 1 more MAYBE!

*LRB/LRS*

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## AMVETS Riders National Treasurer

Greetings Legendary AMVETS Riders,

Welcome to the 2025 National Convention. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your AMVETS Riders National Treasurer. We have migrated to Quicken to track our National AMVETS Riders budget and expenses. This migration will help reduce potential errors with tracking expenses in a spreadsheet and allows viewing of historical, current, and forecast budgets and expenses.

Since National Convention I have been fortunate to participate in the following activities:

- November 10-11, 2024: National Veterans Day Observance at Arlington National Cemetery.
- March 11-13: Legislative Action Week (LAW) in Washington, DC. If you have not participated in this event, I encourage you to get involved and attend next year.
- April 25-26: Mid-Year Rally in Circleville, OH
- May 25: Rolling to Remember in Washington, DC
- May 26: National Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

Remember to support your Parent Organization; AMVETS, Ladies Auxiliary, and Sons of AMVETS. Remember we are AMVETS first and encourage you to participate in your local Chapter and Department AMVETS Riders events.

Thank you to all who have helped sell tickets for our National Fundraiser. This annual fundraiser is the National AMVETS Riders main source of income to allow your officers to travel to National events as well as Department, and Chapter events as requested by our membership. The profit from our fundraiser was \$7,184.

I encourage you to participate in the trainings available during Convention, these are great opportunities to learn responsibilities for office(s) that you currently hold, are interested in holding and for awareness to what each position is responsible for. Attached within is the final year end financials for 2024-2025 as well as the proposed budget for 2025-2026.

LRB/LRS

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## AMVETS Riders 2024-2025 Budget

### National AMVETS Riders 2024-2025 Budget



2024-2025		
Actual (6/30/25)	Budget (Approved)	Variance

#### SUMMARY

Income	\$ 81,136.95	\$ 75,400.00	\$ 5,736.95
Expenses	\$ 81,136.95	\$ 75,400.00	\$ (5,736.95)
Difference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

#### INCOME

<b>Business Income</b>	<b>\$ 81,136.95</b>	<b>\$ 75,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,736.95</b>
Donation	\$ 100.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ (29,900.00)
Dues	\$ 40,190.00	\$ 38,700.00	\$ 1,490.00
Gold Star Mother	\$ 17,967.00	\$ -	\$ 17,967.00
Interest Earned	\$ 3,058.89	\$ -	\$ 3,058.89
Mid Year			
Registration	\$ 1,640.00	\$ -	\$ 1,640.00
Shirt	\$ 785.00	\$ -	\$ 785.00
National Convention	\$ 1,758.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 58.00
National Fundraiser	\$ 10,070.00	\$ -	\$ 10,070.00
National Service Foundation	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)
Previous Year Revenue	\$ 5,318.06	\$ -	\$ 5,318.06
RNP Project	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00

#### EXPENSES

<b>President (RNP)</b>	<b>\$ 17,645.50</b>	<b>\$ 10,400.00</b>	<b>\$ (7,245.50)</b>
Administrative - RNP	\$ 78.69	\$ -	\$ (78.69)
AMVETS Project Support			
AMVETS Commander Project	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Junior President Project	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
LAUX President Project	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
SOA Commander Project	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Awards - RNP	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Banquets - RNP	\$ 105.06	\$ 150.00	\$ 44.94
Discretionary Fund - RNP	\$ 6,387.73	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (5,387.73)
Mid-Year			
Mid-Year (National AMVETS)	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Mid-Year - RNP	\$ 1,040.93	\$ 800.00	\$ (240.93)
National Convention			
National Convention - RNP	\$ 1,105.96	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 294.04
National Convention Site Review	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
NEC Fall / Veterans Day - RNP	\$ 1,374.24	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (174.24)
NEC Spring - RNP	\$ 1,376.09	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (176.09)
Other Travel - RNP	\$ 3,988.90	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (2,988.90)
RNP Project	\$ 76.55	\$ -	\$ (76.55)
Rolling to Remember - RNP	\$ 741.60	\$ 500.00	\$ (241.60)
Software - RNP	\$ 369.75	\$ -	\$ (369.75)



**National AMVETS Riders  
2024-2025 Budget**

	Actual (6/30/25)	2024-2025 Budget (Approved)	Variance
<b>Sergeant at Arms (RNSAA)</b>	<b>\$ 1,389.49</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,610.51</b>
Administrative	\$ 58.00	\$ -	\$ (58.00)
Banquets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mid-Year	\$ 438.27	\$ 800.00	\$ 361.73
National Convention	\$ 764.34	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 435.66
Other Travel	\$ 128.88	\$ 500.00	\$ 371.12
Rolling to Remember	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>Immediate Past National President (I)</b>	<b>\$ 1,570.34</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 929.66</b>
Banquets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mid-Year	\$ 730.35	\$ 800.00	\$ 69.65
National Convention	\$ 494.09	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 705.91
Other Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rolling to Remember	\$ 345.90	\$ 500.00	\$ 154.10
<b>Secretary (RNS)</b>	<b>\$ 1,301.47</b>	<b>\$ 2,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,548.53</b>
Administrative	\$ 103.56	\$ 200.00	\$ 96.44
Banquets	\$ 27.60	\$ -	\$ (27.60)
Mid-Year	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
National Convention	\$ 1,049.08	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 150.92
Other Expenses	\$ 121.23	\$ 150.00	\$ 28.77
Rolling to Remember	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>Chaplain (RNC)</b>	<b>\$ 28,430.35</b>	<b>\$ 20,200.00</b>	<b>\$ (8,230.35)</b>
Administrative	\$ 93.68	\$ 50.00	\$ (43.68)
Banquets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Death Member Benefits	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
Gold Star Mother Event	\$ 17,453.53	\$ 11,000.00	\$ (6,453.53)
Mid-Year	\$ 787.83	\$ 800.00	\$ 12.17
National Convention	\$ 1,248.06	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (48.06)
Other Travel	\$ 175.85	\$ 150.00	\$ (25.85)
Rolling to Remember	\$ 171.40	\$ 500.00	\$ 328.60
Scholarships	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)
<b>Communications (RNCO)</b>	<b>\$ 4,077.65</b>	<b>\$ 3,073.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,004.65)</b>
Administrative	\$ 854.59	\$ 150.00	\$ (704.59)
Banquets	\$ 105.06	\$ -	\$ (105.06)
Email Maintenance	\$ 1,191.99	\$ 423.00	\$ (768.99)
Mid-Year	\$ 765.87	\$ 800.00	\$ 34.13
National Convention	\$ 579.12	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 620.88
Other Travel - RNCO	\$ 280.78	\$ -	\$ (280.78)
Rolling to Remember	\$ 300.24	\$ 500.00	\$ 199.76



**National AMVETS Riders  
2024-2025 Budget**

	2024-2025	
Actual (6/30/25)	Budget (Approved)	Variance

	Actual (6/30/25)	Budget (Approved)	Variance
<b>Publications (RNPO)</b>	<b>\$ 2,229.09</b>	<b>\$ 3,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,620.91</b>
Administrative	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Banquets	\$ 105.06	\$ -	\$ (105.06)
Mid-Year			
Mid-Year	\$ 994.78	\$ 800.00	\$ (194.78)
Mid-Year Books	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
National Convention			
National Convention	\$ 473.66	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 726.34
National Convention Books	\$ 22.50	\$ 400.00	\$ 377.50
Rolling to Remember	\$ 332.97	\$ 500.00	\$ 167.03
Software	\$ 181.46	\$ -	\$ (181.46)
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Website	\$ 118.66	\$ 200.00	\$ 81.34
<b>Historian (RNH)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Past National Presidents (PNP)</b>	<b>\$ 4,085.42</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,414.58</b>



## AMVETS Riders Judge Advocate

Greetings Legendary AMVETS Riders

It is that time of year again that we are preparing for the National Convention. The Convention rules that were Voted on by the National Executive Committee at the Mid-Year Rally in Ohio are included above and were sent out with an excess of the 30 days required for everyone to look at.

At the Beginning of the Convention meeting on Friday afternoon in Greensboro, NC - August 22, 2025, These Convention Rules will be presented to delegates for adoption by a majority vote.

I am also attaching the proposed resolutions (see above) to the Unified Constitution and By-Laws for your review. These are all that were sent to me to date.

LRB/LRS,

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**National AMVETS Riders**



## AMVETS Riders National Sergeant at Arms

Welcome Rider family to the 2025 National Convention,

Hope all has been well for everyone of you. I'm betting that you've all had a productive last few months since the Mid-Year Rally. I have spoken with several of you on our uniform, patch placement etc. over the last few months. I'm glad we are all working together on the uniformity of our great organization. The 990n's though have not quite hit that mark. At the time of writing this I'm at 67% copies turned in. A few of which have been revoked, as well a few of them are sitting on their last year before the IRS will send a letter of revocation. This is why it is in the CBL's that we file every single year and not let that 3 year allowance from the IRS slip by accidentally.

Hope you all enjoy the time spent here this week, looking forward to us all getting the chance to know each other better and learn from one another.

Much Love and Respect

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## AMVETS Riders National Chaplain

Greetings Riders and welcome to Greensboro!

I can never state enough what an honor it is to serve the Legendary AMVETS Riders as your National Chaplain.

I want to take a moment to reflect on the past year and remember all of our brothers and sisters who have passed on. Their absence has left a void, and their presence will be greatly missed. We cling to their memories while carrying on in a way that honors their memory.

This year there were five scholarships awarded. We had eight excellent candidates to choose from but ultimately, we narrowed it down to these five bright young scholars: Mason Peffers, Brean Cobb, Ashlynn Cobb, Sadie Estabrook, Nevaeh Peffers. We wish them every success in their future endeavors.

This year's Gold Star Fundraiser was a huge success! We had ample funds to do everything we needed to do to honor America's Gold Star families at Rolling to Remember. We had an incredible turnout and along with all the other activities throughout that weekend, our escorts got to take Gold Star family members on an emotional and unforgettable ride around the Nation's Capitol at Rolling to Remember. If you would like to join us next year please reach out, we can always use more escorts.

As always, if there is anything I can do to help, please don't hesitate to reach out.

LRB/LRS

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## AMVETS Riders National Communications Officer

Greetings Riders Nation,

It is my honor to welcome you to the 2025 Riders National Convention. I am looking forward to seeing friends and meeting new ones that have joined together to support our Veterans and to promote our mission all over this Nation. If you have never attended the National Convention before, I encourage you to take advantage of all the training sessions available then take the training back to your Dept/Chapters.

I have enjoyed seeing all your Face Book posts showing your support for our Veterans. Your activities are motivational, encouraging, and reflect a positive image of our Organization. I also see them as a challenge to step it up.

Stay safe, check on your buddies, and keep the rubber side down.

LRB/LRS

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## AMVETS Riders Publications Officer

Greetings AMVETS Riders Nation!

I continue to be honored to serve as your National Publications Officer in charge of managing your website ***AMVETSridersnational.org***. The website is your source for information, forms, events, news and updates and anything you would like to share with riders' nation.

During this year's Mid-Year Rally and Rolling To Remember events, I was encouraged by the feedback I received from the body as I was doing real time and daily updates to the website to allow the membership not in attendance to be part of the events.

Please continue to provide me and your national staff with feedback, comments, information and/or updates you would like to see that will make your website more useful. I am pleased that many of you are using the website and I look forward to continuing increases in activity and service.

***Welcome to Greensboro and our 2025 National Convention!***

LRB/LRS

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