

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
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Department of California Convention, 18-19 April 2026
Norco, CA, 92860

Department Resolution No. 2026-03
Subject: Bylaw Change/Non-Member Wear of Back Patch
Origin: Constitution and Bylaws Committee
Submitted By: Tom Lively, Chapter 299

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The American Legion Riders is an official program of The American Legion and its trade marked emblems, insignia, and identifying marks represent the reputation, mission, and authority of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Members wearing the American Legion Riders back patch and associated flares are publicly recognized as official representatives of the American Legion Riders; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Riders back patch flares and other insignias are registered trademarks and their distribution is restricted through authorized ordering procedures administered by the Department Quartermaster; and

WHEREAS, Current Department policy requires that all American Legion Riders back patches and flares be obtained only through authorized Department channels which is required in maintaining accountability, membership verification, and uniform standards; and

WHEREAS, the wearing of American Legion Riders back patches or flares by individuals who are not verified members in good standing creates reputational risk, public confusion, and potential legal and liability exposure to sponsoring Posts, Chapters, and the Department; and

WHEREAS, Chapters serve as the primary custodians of membership verification and are best positioned to ensure compliance with Department bylaws and uniform regulations; and

WHEREAS, clear and enforceable standards are necessary to preserve the integrity, credibility, and protected identity of the American Legion Riders program; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Riders Department of California at the Department Convention in Norco, California, on April 18-19, 2026, that the Department of California American Legion Riders Bylaws “Article XV – Uniform” of the American Legion Riders – Department of California Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. a. Only members of the American Legion Riders shall wear the authorized patch of the American Legion Riders and the logo of The American Legion and only in the manner prescribed by the American Legion Riders - Department of California Uniform Handbook as ratified by The American Legion – Department of California.

b. Any individual who is not a member of the American Legion Riders in good standing shall not be authorized or allowed to wear or display the American Legion Riders center patch or flares, or any combination of insignia that gives the appearance of membership in the American Legion Riders.

c. Chapters shall take reasonable action to prevent unauthorized wear of American Legion Riders insignia.

d. Any back patch or flare obtained outside authorized Department ordering procedures shall be considered unauthorized for wear.”

This is to certify by the signatures below that the above Resolution was passed as described

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chairman

Date

Department Director

Date

Department Secretary

Date