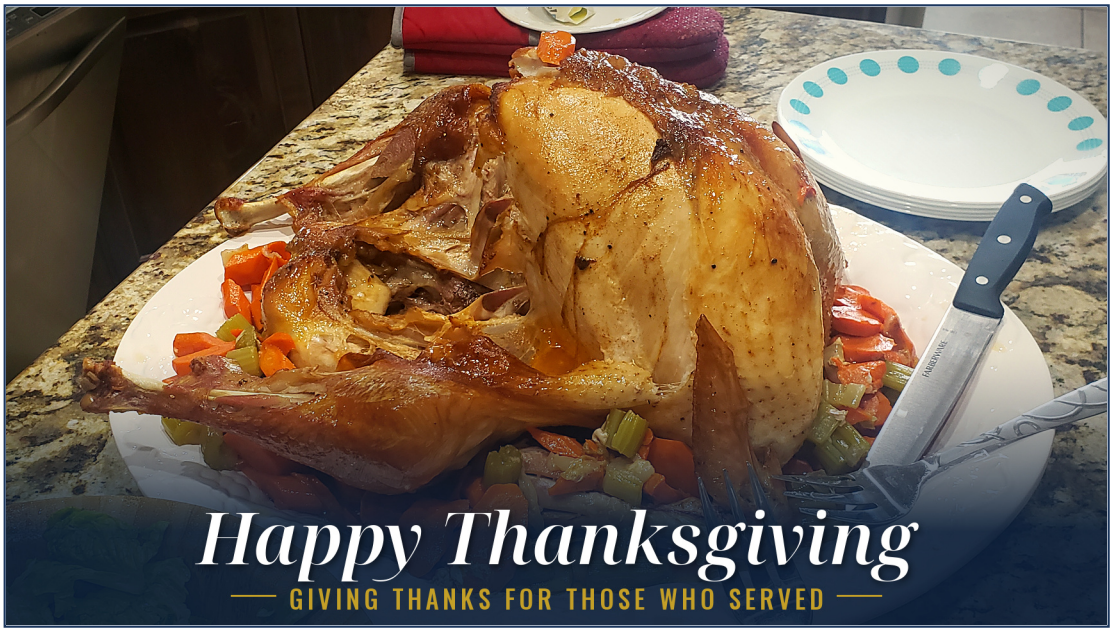
AMERICAN LEGION

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Veterans Day, the Marine Corps' 251st Birthday, Be the One Training, and Christmas Ball Tickets by December 4.





AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Veterans Crisis Line
DIAL 988 then PRESS 1

BE THE ONE

Come visit every second Thursday from 7pm to 9pm at the American Legion Hall, and our Tailgates on the third Thursday of every month from 6:30pm to 8pm for fun activities and some good food.

American Legion Hall | 1412 4th Street, Floresville, TX 78114
(830) 393-7929
Or check out our new website: **https://txlegion38.org/**

Cover photos: Thanksgiving dinner (member photo); Veterans Day remembrance at Fairview Cemetery, Nov. 15, 2025 (Post 38 photo).

Veterans Day 2026:
Honoring All Who Served

Wednesday, November 11, 2026 — From Armistice Day to Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 11, 2026, is Veterans Day. American Legion Post 38 in Floresville joins the nation in thanking every man and woman who has worn the uniform of the United States, in war and in peace, living and gone.

The date comes from the end of the First World War. Fighting between the Allies and Germany stopped under the Armistice at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11, 1919, the first Armistice Day. Congress called for an annual observance in 1926, and an Act of May 13, 1938, made November 11 a legal holiday dedicated to the cause of world peace.

The American Legion was born in that same season. Founded in Paris in March 1919 by members of the American Expeditionary Forces, the Legion held its first national convention in Minneapolis in November 1919, and it has stood with the veterans of every generation since.



Men of the U.S. 64th Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, celebrate news of the Armistice, Nov. 11, 1918. U.S. Army photo, National Archives (public domain).

After the Second World War and Korea, veterans service organizations urged Congress to honor all veterans, not only those of the First World War. On June 1, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the law that changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The Uniform Monday Holiday Act moved the observance to the fourth Monday of October beginning in 1971, but so many states and citizens kept November 11 that Congress returned the holiday to its original date in 1978. It stays on November 11, whatever the day of the week.

Veterans Day is not Memorial Day. Memorial Day, in May, honors those who died in service. Veterans Day thanks all who served, and especially the living veterans who are our neighbors, coworkers, and family. Across the country, many observances pause at 11:00 a.m. to mark the hour the guns fell silent in 1918. At Arlington National Cemetery, the national observance begins at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where an unknown American serviceman of the First World War was laid to rest on November 11, 1921.

Here at home, Post 38 marks the day at Fairview Cemetery. Each November the Post leads a Veterans Day remembrance there, saluting every veteran buried in the cemetery. Last year, on Saturday, November 15, 2025, members in Legion caps gathered under the Fairview Cemetery arch, walked the rows, and placed small American flags at veterans' graves. This year's ceremony is Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.; members are asked to arrive at 10:00 a.m. to plant flags.

How to mark the day: fly the flag, thank a veteran by name, and visit a veteran's grave. If a veteran in your life has never joined the Legion, bring them to the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, November 12, the day after Veterans Day, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Hall, 1412 4th Street. Members and guests share a meal and plan the Post's work for veterans. Prospective members should bring proof of honorable discharge.



Post 38 members place flags at veterans' graves during the Veterans Day remembrance at Fairview Cemetery, Nov. 15, 2025. Post 38 photo.

American Legion membership is open to veterans who served on federal active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time from December 7, 1941, to the present and were honorably discharged, or who are still serving honorably. Post 38 has more than 228 members, and there is always a chair for one more.

Make Veterans Day a Buddy Check, too. Call the veteran you served with, the neighbor who wore the uniform, or the comrade you have not seen at the Post lately. The Be the One training on page 3 teaches the questions to ask, and the Veterans Crisis Line is always open: dial 988, then press 1, or text 838255.

Post 38 – Thank You for Your Service.

Be the One:
Take the Free Suicide Prevention Training
Free 90-Minute Zoom Sessions — November 3 through December 17 (Central Time)

The American Legion and Columbia University offer free online suicide prevention training to every member of the Legion Family. In 90 minutes on Zoom you'll learn the Columbia Protocol: a few simple questions that help you see when a veteran is at risk and what to do next.

Veteran suicide is the No. 1 issue facing the veteran community today, and Be the One is the Legion's answer: a call for every one of us to be the person who notices, asks, and acts. You can join from home, and no counseling background is needed. The session covers how to use the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale to identify people who may be at risk, how to recognize risk factors and warning signs, how to spot behaviors that signal immediate danger, and how to talk with a comrade who may be thinking of hurting themselves.

The American Legion's Be the One mark.

Upcoming sessions (Central time): Tue., Nov. 3, 8–9:30 a.m.; Thu., Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m.–noon; Wed., Nov. 18, 4:30–6 p.m.; Tue., Dec. 1, 1:30–3 p.m.; Wed., Dec. 9, 4:30–6 p.m.; Thu., Dec. 17, 1:30–3 p.m.

Register with The American Legion at legion.org/advocacy/be-the-one/be-the-one-training and click Register next to the session you want. Full details are on the Post website:

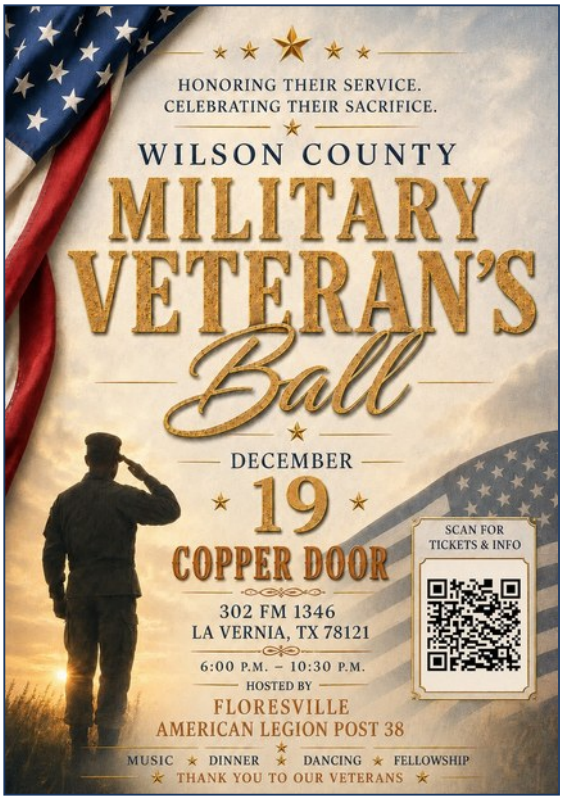
https://txlegion38.org/index.php/news/be-the-one-training

Post 38 is asking every member, starting with the Executive Committee, to take the training. It pairs naturally with the Buddy Checks we already do: call the comrade you have not seen at the Post lately.

Veterans in crisis, or anyone worried about one, can reach the Veterans Crisis Line any time: dial 988, then press 1, or text 838255.

Post 38 – Be the One.

Veterans Christmas Ball:
Ticket Deadline Is Friday, December 4
Saturday, December 19, 2026 — The Copper Door, La Vernia — Social Hour 6:00 p.m.



Veterans' Ball flyer. Scan the code for tickets.

The Wilson County Military Veteran's Ball, hosted by Floresville American Legion Post 38, is Saturday, December 19, 2026, at The Copper Door, 302 FM 1346, La Vernia. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., dinner is served at 7:00 p.m., and the evening runs through 10:30 p.m.

Tickets are $50 and are sold online through Zeffy, or scan the code on the flyer.

Tickets: zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/annual-gala-5336

The ticket deadline is Friday, December 4, so the Post can give The Copper Door a final headcount. That is after the November 12 General Membership Meeting, so members can still ask about the Ball at the meeting. Please do not wait until the last day.

Honoring their service. Celebrating their sacrifice. The evening brings music, dinner, dancing, and fellowship with the veterans and families of Wilson County. Bring your spouse, bring a battle buddy, and fill a table. Cannot attend? Share the flyer at church, at work, or in the family group chat. The flyer closes with the whole point of the night in five words: Thank you to our veterans.

Saturday, December 19, is also National Wreaths Across America Day (see page 5): one day to remember the fallen and to celebrate the living. Questions: (830) 393-7929 or txlegion38.org.

Post 38 – Reserve Your Seat by December 4.

Happy 251st Birthday, U.S. Marine Corps:
Born November 10, 1775

Tuesday, November 10, 2026 — Semper Fidelis

Tuesday, November 10, 2026, is the 251st birthday of the United States Marine Corps, the day before Veterans Day. American Legion Post 38 salutes every Marine, past and present, and the families who stood by them.

On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, resolved that two battalions of Marines be raised. Tradition places the first recruiting at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, and Captain Samuel Nicholas, commissioned that month, is regarded as the first Commandant.

In 1921, Commandant Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47, a summary of the Corps' history, mission, and tradition, and directed that it be read to every command each November 10. It still is. At birthday celebrations, by custom, a piece of cake goes to the oldest Marine present, who passes it to the youngest: one generation handing the Corps to the next.



The oldest Marine present passes birthday cake to the youngest at a 250th Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Okinawa, Japan, Nov. 20, 2025. U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Eadan Avramidis (public domain).

From Belleau Wood and Iwo Jima to the Chosin Reservoir, Hue City, and Fallujah, Marines have answered the call. Their motto, Semper Fidelis, "always faithful," is a promise to the nation and to each other.

Post 38 marks each service's birthday with cake and fellowship. Marine veterans in Floresville and Wilson County, come to the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, November 12, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., or the Veteran's Tailgate on Thursday, November 19, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., and swap stories with fellow Marines.

Post 38 – Happy Birthday, Marines. Semper Fi.

Thanksgiving:
Giving Thanks for Those Who Served

Thursday, November 26, 2026



A U.S. Army leader serves Thanksgiving dinner at Castle Dining Facility, Smith Barracks, Baumholder, Germany, Nov. 26, 2025. U.S. Army photo by 1st Lt. Nahjier Williams (public domain).

Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 26, 2026. As families gather around the table, Post 38 gives thanks for the veterans of Wilson County and for the service members who will spend the holiday far from home.

The holiday has deep roots in the nation's military history. On October 3, 1789, at the request of Congress, President George Washington, the former commander of the Continental Army, proclaimed Thursday, November 26, 1789, a day of public thanksgiving, the first under the new Constitution. This year's Thanksgiving falls on that same date.

In the middle of the Civil War, on October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving for the last Thursday of November and asked Americans to commend to God's care "all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers" in the war. In 1941 Congress fixed the holiday on the fourth Thursday of November.

Across the armed forces, it is a tradition for leaders to serve the Thanksgiving meal to their troops in dining facilities at home and overseas.

Close to home, Post 38 will share an early Thanksgiving meal at the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, November 12, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Post Cook is handling the main dish; members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert, potluck style. We are planning for 50 to 60 people. And if a veteran you know will spend the holiday alone, set another place at the table or pick up the phone. That, too, is a Buddy Check.

Thanksgiving week also changes the GriefShare schedule: there is no meeting on Tuesday, November 24. The group meets again on Tuesday, December 1, at the Hall (see page 5).

Post 38 – Happy Thanksgiving.

November at the Post:
Meeting, Tailgate, and Ways to Serve

General Membership Meeting Nov. 12 — Veteran's Tailgate Nov. 19 — Wreaths Across America Dec. 19

The General Membership Meeting is Thursday, November 12, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1412 4th Street, Floresville. Members and guests eat a meal together, then discuss Post business, plan events, and address veteran needs. Prospective members should bring proof of honorable discharge.

The Veteran's Tailgate is Thursday, November 19, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Hall. It is open to all veterans, and BYOB is authorized. The American Legion Riders typically meet at 6:00 p.m. before the Tailgate.

Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, December 19, the same day as the Ball. Post 38 will serve as a storage site for the wreaths once the veterans buried in the available cemeteries have been identified. If you know where a veteran is buried in Wilson County, or want to help, call (830) 393-7929.



Members and guests at the Sept. 10, 2026, General Membership Meeting. Post 38 photo.

Gun raffle tickets go on sale Saturday, November 7, at 5 Min Oil Change; November 14 at McCoy's; November 21 at Lyssy & Eckel in Poth (7:00 a.m. to noon); and November 28 at McCoy's. December sales: December 5 (McCoy's and 5 Min Oil Change), December 12 (Lyssy & Eckel), and December 19 (McCoy's). The drawing is Thursday, December 31, 2026, at the Post. Members also gather for coffee on the first and third Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. at Olivia's in Floresville, and for Coffee, Cars and Vets on the third Saturday at RX Baked Goods. Members of the Legion Family, including the Auxiliary, support all of this work.

Post 38 sponsors Cub Scout Pack 114, Boy Scout Troop 114, and the Oratorical program; Scout meetings are on the Post calendar every Sunday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Post's American Legion Riders chapter organizes the South Central Texas Legacy Run, which funds scholarships for local youth.

Grief support: the GriefShare group meets Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hall through December 8, with no meeting on November 24. Veterans and their families can join at any time. Details are in the ad below.

Post 38 – See You at the Hall.

Grief Support Group for Veterans and Their Families

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. • American Legion Hall, Floresville Post 38



Photos: GriefShare.

3 Free Pastoral Counseling Sessions
Veterans can also have three free sessions of one-on-one pastoral counseling for grief of the loss of a loved one with Rev. Dr. Tommy Myrick.

Veterans, if you or someone you know is experiencing the loss of a loved one, we want to invite you to come to the grief support group. You will find a community of caring people who will walk the journey of grief with you.

When: Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Where: American Legion Hall Classroom
Floresville Post 38, 1412 Fourth Street
Floresville, TX 78114

Join any time!
Current session runs through December 8, 2026.

Register: GriefShare.org
(find.griefshare.org/groups/297344)

Cost: No fee for the group. You can purchase the workbook online when you register. If you need assistance with purchasing a book, scholarships are available.

For more information, text either:
Tommy **979-595-6022** or Polly **979-777-1212**

POST 38 CALENDAR

November 2026 | Floresville, Texas

RECURRING AT POST 38

Scout Meeting (Troop 114) • Every Sunday 4:00–5:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting • Second Thursday 7:00–9:00 p.m. (November 12, December 10)

Veteran's Tailgate • Third Thursday 6:30–8:00 p.m. (November 19, December 17; ALR typically 6:00 p.m. before)

GriefShare grief support group • Tuesdays 6:00–7:30 p.m. at the Hall (current session through December 8; no meeting November 24)

LIST VIEW • November 1 – December 6, 2026 (Sunday Scout meetings: see Recurring above)

Tuesday		**November 3, 2026**
8:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Be the One training (online, Zoom; register at legion.org)	
Saturday		**November 7, 2026**
11:00 a.m.	Veterans Day ceremony at Fairview Cemetery (Post 38 members arrive 10:00 a.m. for flag planting)	
ticket sales	Gun raffle tickets on sale at 5 Min Oil Change	
Tuesday		**November 10, 2026**
all day	U.S. Marine Corps 251st Birthday (established November 10, 1775)	
Wednesday		**November 11, 2026**
federal holiday	Veterans Day	
Thursday		**November 12, 2026**
10:30 a.m. – noon	Be the One training (online, Zoom)	
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting at the Post — Thanksgiving potluck (bring a side dish or dessert)	
Saturday		**November 14, 2026**
ticket sales	Gun raffle tickets on sale at McCoy's	
Wednesday		**November 18, 2026**
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Be the One training (online, Zoom)	
Thursday		**November 19, 2026**
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Veteran's Tailgate at the Post — open to all veterans; BYOB authorized (ALR typically 6:00 p.m. before)	
Saturday		**November 21, 2026**
7:00 a.m. – noon	Gun raffle tickets on sale at Lyssy & Eckel, Poth	
Thursday		**November 26, 2026**
federal holiday	Thanksgiving Day	
Saturday		**November 28, 2026**
ticket sales	Gun raffle tickets on sale at McCoy's	
Tuesday		**December 1, 2026**
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Be the One training (online, Zoom)	
Friday		**December 4, 2026**
deadline	**Veterans Christmas Ball ticket deadline (final headcount for The Copper Door)**	
Saturday		**December 5, 2026**
ticket sales	Gun raffle tickets on sale at McCoy's and 5 Min Oil Change	

COMING UP

Tuesday, December 8 — Last GriefShare meeting of the current session (Tuesdays, 6:00–7:30 p.m., at the Hall).

Wednesday, December 9, 4:30–6:00 p.m., and Thursday, December 17, 1:30–3:00 p.m. — Be the One training (online).

Thursday, December 10, 7:00–9:00 p.m. — General Membership Meeting. Thursday, December 17, 6:30–8:00 p.m. — Veteran's Tailgate.

Saturday, December 12 (Lyssy & Eckel, Poth) and Saturday, December 19 (McCoy's) — Gun raffle ticket sales.

Saturday, December 19 — National Wreaths Across America Day (Post 38 supporting as a wreath storage site). Same day: Veterans Christmas Ball, The Copper Door, 302 FM 1346, La Vernia. Social hour 6:00 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m., through 10:30 p.m. Tickets $50 at zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/annual-gala-5336 by Friday, December 4.

Thursday, December 31 — Gun raffle drawing at the Post.

JOIN US — MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Cut along the dotted lines

THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
First Initial Last Date of Birth

Address _____
Street City State ZIP

❑ Male ❑ Female

_____
Membership ID# former member Post # Phone # Email Gender

Please check war era and branch of service below:

- ❑ Global War on Terror
- ❑ Gulf War
- ❑ Panama
- ❑ Lebanon/Grenada
- ❑ Vietnam
- ❑ Korea
- ❑ WWII
- ❑ Other Conflicts

- ❑ U.S. Army
- ❑ U.S. Navy
- ❑ U.S. Air Force
- ❑ U.S. Marines
- ❑ U.S. Space Force
- ❑ U.S. Coast Guard
- ❑ Merchant Marines (WWII only)

I certify that I have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or I am still serving.

Signed by applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

If you are a new member, send this completed application with annual dues to The American Legion, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (check www.legion.org/join for dues amount), or take it to a local post. To locate a post near you, click on "Find a Post" at www.legion.org.

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DUES RECEIPT
(Please Print)

_____
Date

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Received From

$_____for 20_____Dues

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Recruiter's Name

_____
Recruiter's Signature

_____
Recruiter's Phone #

THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Post 38 – Floresville, Texas

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/MEMBER INFORMATION FORM **(DUES MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION)**

ABOUT YOU: Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Home Address: _____ Apt # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Birth Date: (mm-dd-yyyy) _____ Email: _____

MEMBER OF: _____ Legion _____ Aux _____ SAL Post# _____ Mem# _____

Spouse: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

ABOUT YOUR BIKE: **Complete this section if you will be riding a motorcycle with the ALR.(cross out if applying as a passenger)*

Make: _____ Model: _____ Displacement: _____

** I, the undersigned, certify that the motorcycle listed above is registered in my name and in accordance with State, city and/or local licensing and registration requirements. I further certify that I carry property and liability Insurance for myself, my passengers, and my motorcycle which meets at least the minimum state, city, and local Insurance requirements. I also certify that I carry a valid driver's license with either a cycle endorsement or a Valid Motorcyclist Temporary Instruction Permit in accordance with state, city, and local laws. If my status changes, I will request, complete, and submit a New Member Information Form.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

** I am joining as a passenger of the above rider. I will not be operating a motorcycle as an American Legion Rider, but may be participating in American Legion Rider events as a passenger. If my status changes, I will Request, complete, and submit a New Member Information Form.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I, the undersigned, agree that the American Legion, and the American Legion Riders shall not be liable or Responsible for damage to property or injury to persons including myself during any Rider activities, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all Rider members and their guests participate voluntarily, and at their own risk in all Rider activities. I release and hold the Rider officers and the American Legion harmless for any injury, loss to my person or property that may result through my participation in the Riders and/or their activities. I understand that this means that I agree not to sue the Riders officers, whether local, state, or National, nor the American Legion for any injury resulting to myself or my property in connection with Rider activities.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY-DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

DATE VOTED IN: _____ PATCHES ISSUED _____