




THE AMERICAN LEGION
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MEMORANDUM

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TO: DISTRICT COMMANDERS

FROM: John "Doc" Bart, JA 

SUBJECT: **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS ELEGIBILITY FOR POST
COMMANDER**

QUESTION: Can an officer of the American Legion Riders be nominated and run for Post Commander?

ANSWER: Members of the American Legion Riders who are members in good standing of the American Legion may be nominated for and hold office in in the American Legion and the American Legion Riders simultaneously, except; they may not hold the office of Post Commander and an elected position in the American Legion Riders simultaneously.

FACTS: On March 14, 2015, at the Department of California Executive Committee Meeting held in Santa Maria, the Executive Committee unanimously approved Resolution 15-004. The numerous well intentioned interpretations of Resolution 15-004 have caused considerable confusion.

The resolution reads: Department Officers, (of the American Legion Riders) Presidents or Elected Officers of a Chapter of American Legion Riders shall not at the same, time hold the Office of Post Commander of an American Legion Post.

CONCLUSION: All members of the American Legion in good standing are eligible to be nominated for and hold office in their post. If they hold a conflicting office at the time of election to a post office, they must resign one office or the other to eliminate the conflict.