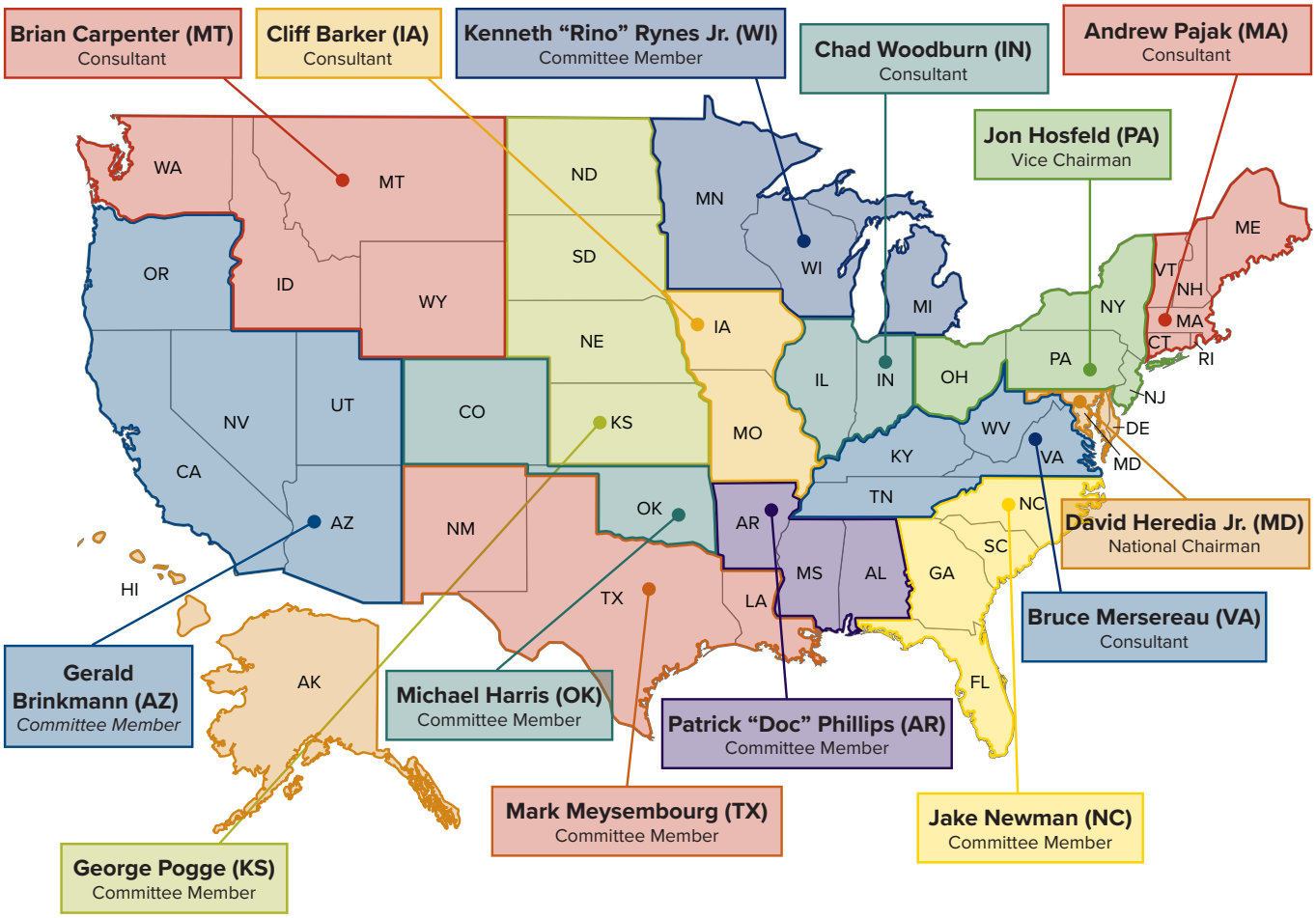
National American Legion Riders Advisory Committee

Regional Assignments 2026–2027

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National Leadership

National Chairman	David Heredia Jr. (MD)	Assigned areas: MD, DC, DE, AK, HI, Latin America
Vice Chairman	Jon Hosfeld (PA)	Assigned areas: PA, OH, NY, NJ, Philippines

Committee Members — Regional Assignments

Region	Name	Assigned Areas
Great Lakes West	Kenneth "Rino" Rynes Jr. (WI)	WI, MN, MI
South Central	Mark Meysembourg (TX)	TX, LA, NM
Central Plains	George Pogge (KS)	KS, NE, SD, ND
Southeast Atlantic	Jake Newman (NC)	FL, GA, SC, NC, Puerto Rico
West & Pacific	Gerard Brinkman (AZ)	AZ, CA, NV, UT, OR
Deep South / Gulf	Patrick "Doc" Phillips (AR)	AR, AL, MS

Consultants — Regional Support

Region	Name	Assigned Areas
Great Lakes East	Chad Woodburn (IN)	IL, IN
Central Plains	Cliff Barker (IA)	IA, MO
South Central	Michael Harris (OK)	OK, CO
Appalachia	Bruce Mersereau (VA)	VA, WV, KY, TN
Northeast / New England	Andrew Pajak (MA)	ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, France
Northwest / Mountain	Brian Carpenter (MT)	MT, ID, WY, WA

Legion Family Liaisons (Liaisons provide national support and do not hold geographic assignments.)

Joseph Navarrete (NM)	Sons of The American Legion (SAL–ALR)
Kathy Daudistel (KY)	American Legion Auxiliary (ALA–ALR)

QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE?

Contact the National Chairman or your local representative at IA@legion.org, *Subject line: American Legion Riders Questions or Assistance*