

COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

INDIANA STATE CHAPTER 14-3

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND EMBLEM

Section 1. The name of the association is: Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association

- POC Address; 10291 Charles Street Osceola, IN 46561

Section 2. The emblem/logo used by the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is the sole property of CVMA. The CVMA patch and logo cannot be reproduced without license from the BOD (Board of Directors). The emblem of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is in the shape of a skull encompassed by the following colors. The incorporated colors are: Red, representing the blood that has been shed on the battlefield. The Military Gold, representing all branches of the military service of the United States. Black, representing the heavy hearts possessed for those who gave their lives and for those that are considered missing in action or prisoners of war. The Skull and ace of spade represents the death that war leaves in its wake.

Section 3. As a member of CVMA IN 14-3 members are authorized to wear the official CVMA IN 14-3 chapter patch. All members of the association who were members of CVMA IN 14-2 Alpha Detachment on or before November 2016 are authorized to wear the CVMA IN 14-3 Original patch. All other members are authorized the CVMA IN 14-3 patch that is available through the CVMA store. Any other chapter specific patch from previously assigned chapters not within Indiana can be worn so as the current CVMA IN 14-3 patch is located above any other chapter specific patch.

Section 4. Presentation of the patch. All new members will be presented their patch in a timely manner and at an official CVMA meeting, sanctioned event, or other CVMA hosted event. Requests for an exception to this rule are to be presented to the Chapter Commander for consideration and be voted on by the Chapter BOD to set aside the rule for a specific circumstance. At the presentation of the patch the chapter BOD will conduct an official welcoming ceremony to welcome our new brother/sister into the CVMA family.

Section 5. Chapter Officer Patches. Members may only wear a Chapter Officer specific patch with gold embroidery on his/her vest while currently in a Chapter BOD officer position.

ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES

General: Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Protocol.

The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is formed for the betterment of communication and camaraderie between other Motorcycle Associations, Veterans Organizations, and other Motorcycle Groups.

Section 1. To promote interest in various forms of motorcycle activity associated with Veterans.

Section 2. To create and maintain camaraderie among Combat Veterans from all U.S. Branches of Service and it's its allies.

Section 3. To support Veteran Organizations.

Section 4. To raise awareness for the plight of POWs, MIAs and their families.

Section 5. To conduct Association functions and activities in a manner befitting the members of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association membership.

Section 6. To encourage a better understanding of motorcycle riders as a constructive sport amongst members of the public, press, and law enforcement agencies.

Section 7. Help veterans and their families in Indiana in any way we are able.

Section 8. Attend and show support at service member's and veteran's funeral services.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person meeting the following conditions will be eligible for Full Member status:

(a). Must be of good character.

(b). Must be a Veteran of a Foreign War, "Combat"

(c). The ONLY acceptable proof for membership to the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is a copy of one's DD 214 or ERB which must be surrendered with the application to the Indiana State Representative (SR) and be forwarded to the National Board of Directors (NBOD) for verification.

(d). Annual national dues of \$20 will be assessed effective June 30th, each year for all Full Members and \$10 for Support Members. Dues for CVMA members deployed in a war zone will be waived. Dues for all members are payable by June 30th of each year. Dues for all new members joining between January 1st and June 30th will be considered as paid in full for the balance of the current dues year and the following dues year. Dues for new members joining between July 1st and December 31st will be for the current dues year only.

(e). Must own and operate a Motorcycle of 500cc or above.

(f). Should a full member resign they will be given a 5 day grace period to rescind their resignation with no repercussions. After the 5-day grace period a member will have to re-apply for membership as a new member and will require the State Chapter board approval. State Chapter Board approval will be by majority vote by the Board. The Chapter Board will then forward the request to the SR for submission to the National BOD.

(g). Active members in good standing with the CVMA, who become infirm, disabled or otherwise unable to ride their motorcycles will be able to keep their patch and be retired as members in good standing with the CVMA.

(h). Life members, if for health reasons can no longer ride can at their discretion, remain members in good standing with full voting privileges, and can keep their patch.

(i). Life membership's requirements, 3 years active in the CVMA. Member must be in good standing for all three years. Minimum participation of one sanctioned CVMA event per year is required. At least one event in the 3 year period must be a National Meeting. Cost for life membership is equivalent to a rate equal to 10 years of membership dues. If a life member quits for any reason or the member is removed from the CVMA rolls for any reason, no refunds will be made.

(j). There shall be no "prospect" period required for membership and the term "prospect" will not be used to describe a potential member. Prospect is an MC term.

Section 2. Auxiliary:

Any Indiana Chapter 14-3 CVMA's member's spouse can become a member in the National CVMA Auxiliary in accordance with the following conditions:

(a). Must be of good character.

(b). All Auxiliary members must be a spouse, widow or widower of a Full Member or Support Member in good standing with the CVMA.

(c). Support the efforts of ALL branches of the United States Armed Forces and the Indiana Chapter 14-3 Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.

(d). Auxiliary members are NOT Full Members of the Indiana Chapter 14-3 and will have no vote in Indiana Chapter 14-3 business.

(e). Cannot hold a position on the Chapter BOD.

(f). \$10.00 annual participation fee will be assessed for all National CVMA Auxiliary. Fees for ALL Auxiliary members are payable by June 30th of each year. Fees for new Indiana Chapter 14-3 Auxiliary members who join and/or participate between January 1st and June 30th will be considered as paid in full for the balance of the current dues year and following dues year. Auxiliary members who join and/or participate between July 1st and December 31st will be considered paid in full for the current year only.

Section 3. Support Members:

(a). Must be of good character

(b). Must own or operate a motorcycle of 500cc or greater.

(c). Maximum number of support members will not exceed 10% of the total Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Full Combat Membership of CVMA IN 14-3.

(d). Support members must be a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

(e). Support members will read and abide by all Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association by-laws.

(f). Support members are required to submit their application, with proof of military service, through a regular member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 14-3 who has held a membership for not less than one year. Support members are required to have either ridden a minimum of 3,000 miles with their sponsor; attended three Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association events; or be known by their sponsor for a minimum of 6 months. A full member submitting an application for a support member must verify they meet the above criteria. An individual CVMA member can submit for only 1 support member per year.

(g). Will have no vote in Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association business.

(h). Cannot hold a position on the Chapter BOD.

(i). \$10.00 annual National dues will be assessed and a Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Support ID will be issued.

(j). Support members in good standing can wear a small Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Support Patch on the front of their vest or jacket which will be supplied by their sponsor. Support members can also wear the 10inch support back patch which will be supplied by their sponsor.

Section 4. By applying for membership with the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, you are giving the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and its Board of Directors the right to verify any membership application and DD 214 records.

Section 5. Each member should attend a minimum of at least one (1) sanctioned event hosted by the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association per year. This can also be an event in any member's state if prior approval is obtained by the state representative from the governing body of the Combat Veterans Association. Completing one sanctioned ride each year is not a requirement to maintain membership in good standing however sanctioned rides are required in order to become a life member.

Section 6. All members MUST conduct themselves in a manner that is not an embarrassment to themselves, the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, or the United States of America.

Section 7. All members MUST possess a valid motorcycle driver's license endorsed by their state as well as proof of insurance for their motorcycle.

Section 8.

(a). In the event of misconduct of a member, under the by-laws of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, the National Board of Directors possesses the right to revoke that person's

membership. Misconduct is defined as failure to abide by the by-laws of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and any organization that the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association supports.

(b). Never bring dishonor upon the Combat Veterans Association in action, word(s), or deeds. Always remember WE ARE NOT, NOR DO WE CLAIM TO BE, A MOTORCYCLE CLUB! WE DO NOT HAVE COLORS! WE HAVE VETERAN'S INSIGNIA AND OUR PATCH WILL BE REFERED TO AS "OUR PATCH"!

ARTICLE 4: MEMBER DUES

Section 1. Membership dues shall be at such rate, schedule, or formula as may from time to time be prescribed by the board and approved by the general membership.

Section 2. The board of directors shall determine deadlines for payment of renewal membership dues. Members deployed to combat zones during the given payment year will be credited for the full amount of the annual dues the deployment falls in.

Section 3. New members purchasing full sized back patches of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association will do so through either the State Rep or the State Quartermaster. They must sign the patch agreement form and when possible a patching ceremony will be conducted at which time the member will receive the patch. Cost for the patch will be at cost plus shipping and handling.

Section 4. State Chapter dues will be established by the state Board and approved by its membership in open meeting. State chapter dues will be capped at \$10.00 annually as per the national bylaws.

ARTICLE 5: CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Section 1. All nominees for any office must be active and in good standing in the association with a minimum of 1 full year CVMA membership.

Section 2. All elected and or appointed officers and Board members must remain active members in good standing for the duration of the term of office.

Section 3. Chapter officers (Chapter Commander, Executive Officer, Sergeant at Arms, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, and Secretary) will be elected by the general membership at the State Annual Meeting. These Officers will serve for a term of two years and will assume office within 30 days of the election. To provide continuity of leadership, the election for the Chapter Commander, Treasurer and Sergeant at Arms will be conducted in even years. The election for the Executive Officer, Secretary, and Public Relations Officer will be conducted in odd years.

Section 4. Nominations must be made at a Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter14-3 meeting. The Chapter Commander will vote only in the event of a tie.

Section 5. Should an elected officer resign from office for any reason the Chapter Commander will appoint a replacement to serve until the next Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association chapter 14-3 meeting. If the Chapter Commander should resign the XO will assume his duties and proceed accordingly.

Section 6. Candidates for office must make the chapter aware of their desire to run for office at least 30 days prior to the meeting date so as to give the membership time to consider the choices. If a nomination is made from the floor and said nomination is accepted by a full member then it will be considered. Members nominated for office are qualified if he/she is a paid member in good standing with the CVMA for a minimum of 1 year at the time he/she would assume office. Nominations from the floor of the meeting will be considered and voted on if the nominee is qualified and the chapter accepts the nomination.

Section 7. Election for State Rep will be done at the Winter State/Chapter meeting. Nominees for the office or those that volunteer must make their intention to run for the position at least 90 days before the date of the election. Nominations will be taken from the floor if the nominee and the chapter accept it and only when no other qualified candidate has previously announced their intentions. Term of office will be three (3) years.

ARTICLE 6: DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES

Section 1. "Board" The "Board" , are the officers holding the positions of President (Commander), Vice President (Executive Officer), Sergeant at Arms, Public Relations Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, and Detachment Commanders (when detachment have been established). The "Board" is responsible for the execution of all programs, policies, and conduct of daily business activities. The "Board" may fill, by majority vote, any vacancies in any office of the "Board" until the next scheduled Annual Meeting. The "Board" will report Chapter by-law infractions, as well as actions taken if needed, to the State Representative for review.

Section 2. The Chapter Commander (CC) will preside over all meetings of the chapter; act as ex officio member of all committees, issue the call for regular and special chapter meetings, schedule regular elections, be sure they are held IAW this constitution, and carry out the directives of the Board of Directors. CC may appoint special project teams and team leaders as are needed for projects and events related to chapter functions and may dissolve them at will. Special and regular appointments such as the Chapter Quartermaster will be filled and selected by the CC.

Section 3. The Chapter Executive Officer (XO) will perform all duties of the Chapter Commander in his absence and will supervise the operation of the Chapter Quartermaster as outlined below. XO will act as the team leader on all special project teams appointed by the CC.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the board, special, and general membership meetings, and assume all duties to office.

Section 5. The Treasurer will collect dues and other forms of income due to the chapter, maintain the accounting books, make payments from the chapter funds when so ordered by the board, sign

all chapter checks (along with another officers signature) and make regular reports of the chapter financial status to the board, State Representative and the general membership.

Section 6. The Public Relations Officer will maintain a file and have it ready to present at each meeting and all association functions. He or she will be in charge of all the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Associations publicity, in conjunction with and approved by the chapter commander. Duties will include: Historian, club file, pictures, newspaper articles, TV and radio announcements and the chapter website.

Section 7. Sgt at Arms has and will maintain order during Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association meetings and check members ID cards before each meeting will start. A printed member roster may be used in place of the ID card at the discretion of the SAA.

Section 8. Chapter Quartermaster duties include, but are not limited to, coordinating chapter fundraising efforts, and road name patches. Quartermaster should maintain inventory of fund raiser items examples include t-shirts for sale, motorcycle and car CVMA license plate rings and other things that fall into fundraising and marketing of the CVMA brand. This position is appointed by the CC and can be filled by any member in good standing to include Support and Auxiliary. The Chapter XO will supervise the operation of the quartermaster and his budget.

Section 9: All fulfilling the role(s) as officers and appointees should attend meetings at the Chapter, State, Regional, and National levels. Attendance should include dates of officer and/or appointee meetings taking place to afford the member the best opportunity to be informed and effectively perform his/her assigned responsibilities.

ARTICLE 7: MEETINGS

Section 1. A quorum of conducting business shall consist of those present at any given meeting.

Section 2. The Chapter Commander or two active members in good standing can call special membership meetings and special Board meetings. Notice of each meeting shall be provided to each voting member, not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. The primary means of delivery shall be by email with posted material delivered by CVMA-Indiana 14-3 Facebook as an alternate.

Section 3. The Robert's rule of order will be applied during meetings to affect parliamentary procedures. Sgt at Arms will serve as the chapter parliamentarian or an alternate may be selected by the CO.

ARTICLE 8: DELEGATIONS

Section 1. Delegations will be appointed by the Chapter Commander, but are subject to the approval of the Board, to represent the chapter at any convention, meeting, rally, or other assembly that may be deemed necessary, and all delegations are authorized to exercise only those powers specifically vested in them by the Board.

ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The membership may present amendments to the bylaws to be voted on and approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the chapter meeting conducted during the weekend of the annual CVMA Indiana State Meeting.

Section 2. Once approved and accepted the amendment(s) will be submitted to the CVMA National Board of Directors (NBoD) for approval. Any chapter bylaw amendment(s) will take effect immediately after CVMA NBoD approval.

Section 3. If ANY chapter bylaws conflicts with the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association national bylaws the national bylaws will take precedence over the state bylaws. Corrections will be made in future meetings to bring the state by-laws in line with the national bylaws.

ARTICLE 10: STATE CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT, ORGANIZATION, AND STRUCTURING

Section 1. The chapter boundaries are not defined and any member within the state may request admission as a chapter member. At a future date the boundaries of chapter may be defined in coordination with the other chapters in existence within the state.

Section 2. All other guidelines on chapter organization are covered in Article 10 of the national bylaws.

Article 11: Execution of instruments, Deposits and Funds

Section 1. Execution of Instruments, Deposits, and Funds

(a). The "Board" except as otherwise provided by these by-laws, may by resolution authorize any officer or agent of the Association to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless authorized, no officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Association by any contract or engagement, to pledge its credit, or to render it liable monetarily for any purpose or in any amount.

(b). The "Board" may authorize an amount to a veteran family in need of financial assistance. The authorization is approved via 2/3 vote of the "Board."

Section 2. Checks and Notes

(a). Except as described in Article 11 Section 2 Subsections (b) – (i), as otherwise specifically determined by resolution of the "Board," or as otherwise required by law, checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for the payment of money and other evidence of indebtedness shall be signed by the Treasurer along with a designated officer's signature.

Section 3. Deposits

All funds of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association-Indiana 14-3 shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Association in 1st Source Bank account.

Section 4. Treasury Audit

At the annual meeting, the "Board" shall establish a committee, comprised of not less than two or more than five general members, to audit the financial records of the Association. The committee will conduct the audit within thirty days of appointment and provide a report to the "Board" and general membership. The report will be filed in the permanent Association records and may be provided to other parties as required by the articles of any governing laws.

Jim "Shooter" Metherd
Commander - FM #13322

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