

CVMA Membership Extract from CVMA Nationals Bylaws

MEMBERSHIP

Definitions:

The term "Good Standing" shall be defined as any person who has fulfilled the requirements for membership in the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, who is not currently under disciplinary review or probationary status for disciplinary reasons, who has paid the necessary dues and conformed to the requirements as set forth in these bylaws. (rev. 6/2010)

Section 1

Full Member:

- a. Of good character.
- b. Who is 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 to the BOD for verification.
- d. Annual dues of \$20 will be assessed effective March 1, 2010 for all Full Members (Combat Veterans) and \$10 for Support Members (non-combat veterans). Dues for CVMA members deployed in a war zone will be waived. Dues for all members must be received 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. (rev. 6/2010)
- 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 BOD approval.
- 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. Members must submit medical documentation and a minimum of one year as a member and/or BOD approval is required.
- 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 requirements: 3 years active in the CVMA. Member must be in good standing for all three years and minimum participation of one sanctioned CVMA event per year is required. One of which must be a National meeting. Cost for life membership is \$200. 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. Member's initial assignment of chapter will be in the State of physical residence. Once membership is approved, he or she can request in writing for a change of

Chapter to the gaining and losing State Rep. Chapter affiliation to any Chapter of his or her choosing may be requested, to include a chapter in another state if that chapter is closer than the existing chapter and the losing and gaining states share a common border. If the distance is shorter, the request will be approved. The member will only have all rights as a Full Member in the State that they claim membership in. (rev. 6-21-14)

Section 2 (a)

Auxiliary Members:

- a. Must be of good character.
- b. All Auxiliary members must be a spouse, widow or widower of a full member who is in good standing with the CVMA.
- c. Must support the efforts of ALL branches of the United States of Americas Armed Forces and the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.
- d. Will have no vote in CVMA business.
- e. Cannot hold a position on the BOD.
- f. \$10.00 annual dues will be assessed by the CVMA Auxiliary Unit.

Section 2 (b)

Support members:

- a. Must be of good character.
- b. Must own and operate a motorcycle of 500cc or greater.
- c. Maximum number of support members will not exceed 10% of total CVMA full Combat membership.
- d. Support members must be a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.
- e. Support members will read and abide by all CVMA by-laws applicable to them.
Sections excluded:
 - a. Section 6 and subsection 2.
 - b. Section 3.
 - c. Elections.
 - d. Duties of Officers.
- f. Support members are required to submit their application with proof of military service through a full member of the CVMA 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 CVMA events or be known by their sponsor for a minimum of 6 months. A full member submitting an application for a support member should verify they meet the above criteria. Only 1 support member can be vouched on per year by an individual CVMA member. Support members will be at a 1 to 10 ratio, 1 support member to 10 full members based on state.
- g. Will have no vote in CVMA business.
- h. Cannot hold a position on the BOD.
- i. \$10.00 annual dues will be assessed and a CVMA Support ID will be issued.

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

Section 3

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 4

Each member should attend a minimum of at least one (1) 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.

Section 5

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 6

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

Section 7

- a. In the event of misconduct by any member, under the by-laws of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, the Board of Directors possesses the right to revoke that member'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. Bringing 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 do not prospect. We do have membership fees.

Section 8

Any full member who is still a member of the Armed Forces of the USA who attends the previous year's Nationals, but cannot, because of Military deployment to a combat zone, attend the current year national meeting will be given credit for the National and will be authorized a rocker for the National patch that will read, for example, **DEPLOYED 20XX**.

ARTICLE 4 : MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 1

Membership dues shall be at such rate, schedule or formula as may from time to time be prescribed by the governing body of the association and approved by the general membership.

Section 2

The governing body of the association shall determine deadlines for payment of renewal membership dues.

Section 3

New members purchasing patches of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association will be done so at cost plus shipping and handling.

Section 4

Charter members will not be required to pay annual dues and may wear the 45 patch designating that they are an original starter member, or support member, of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.

Section 5

Chapters can collect local dues. A cap of \$10.00 annual chapter dues can be assessed. All national dues continue to go straight to national.