

NAME AND EMBLEM

ARTICLE 1

Section 1 (a).

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

- a. Principle office of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association will be located at the following address: 1019 Highland, Liberty, MO 64068 USA
- b. Change of Address. The designation of the county or state of Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association principal office may change by amendment of these bylaws. The board of Officers may change the principal office from one location to another within the named country by noting the changed address and effective date below, and such changes shall not be deemed minor, and require an amendment of these bylaws.
 1. New Address:
Dated:
 2. New Address:
Dated:
- c. Other Offices. The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association may also have offices at such other places, within or without its state of incorporation, where it is qualified to do business, as its business and activities may require, and as the board of directors may from time to time, designate.

Section 1 (b)

IRC Section 501(c)(19) Purposes. Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and/or scientific purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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. 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 the many ethnic backgrounds of all nations. 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.

OBJECTIVES

ARTICLE 2

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 or 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 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 and as well as the association's Auxiliary Members.

Section 6.

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

MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 3

Section 1.

Any person:

- 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 will be \$15 for full Combat members and \$10 for military support members. Dues for CVMA members deployed in a war zone will be waived. Dues for all members are due in June of each year. Dues for new members will cover the balance of the current year and dues will be collected again in June. Dues for all new members joining after March 1st will be considered as paid in full for the balance of the current year and the following year.
- 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 after 5 years become infirm, disabled or otherwise unable to ride their motorcycles will be able to keep their patch and be retired as life time members in good standing with the CVMA.
- h. 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. Cost for life membership is \$150. 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.

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" 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 Oklahoma Chapter 10-1 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 himself or herself, 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.
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MEMBERSHIP DUES

ARTICLE 4

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.

Oklahoma chapter 10-1 can collect local dues. A cap of \$10.00 annual chapter dues can be assessed. All national dues continue to go straight to national, while the chapter dues are retained at the chapter for their discretion.

ELECTIONS

ARTICLE 5

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 must remain active and in good standing for the duration of the term while in office.

Section 3.

All officers are to be nominated and elected at a Oklahoma chapter 10-1 meeting and will assume office immediately after the election and hold that office for 12 months or until their successors are duly qualified. Consecutive terms are permitted.

Section 4.

Nominations and elections to the Oklahoma chapter 10-1 must be made at the chapter meeting. The Oklahoma chapter 10-1 Commander will vote only in the event of a tie.

Section 5.

Members nominated for office are qualified if he or she is a paid member in good standing with the CVMA for a minimum of 1 year.

Section 6.

BOD members will be considered for re-election in the following order, Pres., VP, and SGT at Arms/PR. The Oklahoma chapter 10-1 commander at his discretion will fill the office of Treasurer and Secretary.

Section 7.

Should an elected officer resign from office for any reason the Oklahoma Chapter 10-1 officer's will appoint a replacement to serve that position until the next Oklahoma chapter 10-1 meeting.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

ARTICLE 6

Section 1.

The Oklahoma chapter 10-1 Commander will preside over all meetings of the chapter; act as ex-officer member of all committees, issue the call for regular and special Oklahoma Chapter 10-1 officer meeting, schedule regular elections, and be sure they are held IAW this constitution, and carry out the directives of the Oklahoma Chapter 10-1 officers. Treasurer and Secretary positions are both accountable to the Oklahoma chapter 10-1 Commander and the Oklahoma chapter 10-1 Commander is allowed fill these positions at his discretion.

Section 2.

The Vice-President will perform all duties of the Oklahoma chapter 10-1 Commander in his absence.

Section 3.

The Secretary shall keep minutes of the Oklahoma chapter 10-1 meetings, and assume all duties to office.

Section 4.

The Treasurer will collect dues and other forms of income due to the association, maintain the accounting books, make payments from the associations funds when so ordered by the board of Directors, sign all associations checks (along with another officers signature) and make regular reports of the Oklahoma chapter 10-1 financial status to the State Representative, Oklahoma Chapter 10-1 officer's, and the general membership.

Section 5.

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 the entire Oklahoma chapter 10-1 publicity, in conjunction with and approved by the Oklahoma chapter 10-1 Commander. Duties will include: Historian, club file, pictures, newspaper articles, TV and radio announcements and the associations web site.

Section 6.

Sgt of Arms has and will maintain order during Oklahoma chapter 10-1 meeting and check members ID cards before each meeting will start.

Section 7.

The Oklahoma Chapter 10-1 officer's constitutes the Executive Board of the Oklahoma Chapter 10-1, responsible for the execution, through its officers of the authorized policies, by majority votes, fills vacancies in any office of the Oklahoma chapter 10-1 and submits to the chapters meetings and recommendations affecting the policies of the association which have been previously approved.

MEETINGS

ARTICLE 7

Section 1.

A quorum of conducting business shall be those present at any given meeting.

Section 2.

See DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Article 6, and Section 1.

Section 3.

Special membership meetings and special Oklahoma chapter 10-1 meetings can be called by the Oklahoma chapter 10-1 Commander or two active members.

Section 4.

The Oklahoma chapter 10-1 Commander rule of order will be applied during meetings to affect parliamentary procedures, unless otherwise amended and provided for in the by-laws.

DELEGATIONS

ARTICLE 8

Section 1.

Delegations will be appointed by the Oklahoma chapter 10-1 Commander, but are subject to the approval of the Oklahoma Chapter 10-1 officer's, to represent the association 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 Oklahoma Chapter 10-1 officer's.

AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 9

Section 1.

These by-laws may be altered, or repealed and new by-laws adopted only at the Oklahoma chapter 10-1 meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Section 2.

Approved and accepted amendments take effect immediately.

Section 3.

Any changes to any Article and or Section of the Oklahoma chapter 10-1 by-laws will be discussed and voted on by a quorum.

STATE CHAPTERS

ARTICLE 10.

Section 1.

State chapters require a minimum of 15 members.

Section 2.

State chapters are based on when they were recognized; KY being chapter one, MA chapter two, etc.

Section 3.

The Chapter Commander will be picked by the Chapter members. The State Representative will be over the State Chapter Commander; all below the State Representative would be elected by state members.

