



**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION®**  
**STANDING RULES**  
**Eureka Springs, Arkansas**  
**6 September 2003**

1. CMVA® merchandise for members only use and the general public. It was agreed that T-Shirts with our patch would be produced and sold only to members and another version “I support Combat Vets” will be made for general use.
2. State Chapters will require a minimum of 15 Members.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 10 Section 1.*
3. State Representative would be appointed by the BOD<sup>1</sup> and the Chapter Commander would be picked by the Chapter members.<sup>2</sup> The State Representative would be over the State Chapter Commander.<sup>3</sup>  
*1: Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 6 Section 9.*  
*2: Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 10 Section 3.*  
*3: Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 6 Section 9.*
4. All State and Regional Officers would use military terms to describe their positions.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 6 Section 10.*  
*Rescinded in 2014.*
5. All positions below the State Representative would be elected by state members.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 10 Section 3. Moved to Section 4 in Revision D.*
6. The Sgt. at Arms title would be changed to Master at Arms.  
*Rescinded in 2004.*
7. Chapters could collect local dues with the BOD putting a cap on the amount taken with the provision that all national dues continue to go straight to national.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 4 Section 5*
8. Support members would continue at a 1 to 5 ration based on region. Regions would follow the same lines as the four times zones.  
*This is a change from the 2003 CVMA By-Laws; Article 3 Section 2(A)(c). Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 3 Section 2 (A)(f). Amended in 2006.*
9. To consider anyone for a support member they have to meet one or more of the following criteria, ride 3,000 miles with their sponsor, attend three CVMA events or be known for a minimum of 6 months by the sponsor.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 3 Section 2 (A)(f).*
10. Sponsor will buy the support patch for the new support member.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 3 Section 2 (A)(j).*



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11. To ban the large back patch for supporters from this point on<sup>1</sup>, support members already wearing the large patch will be grandfathered in. All support patches from this point on will be the small patch and will be worn on the front of the vest.<sup>2</sup>  
*1: Amended in 2005. Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 3 Section 2 (A)(j).*  
*2: Amended in 2005. Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B. Article 3 Section 2 (A)(j).*
12. Regional directors will be appointed by the BOD.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 6 Section 8. Amended in 2009.*
13. A flash patch that says “I support Combat Veterans” with a very small CVMA skull could be produced for general use.
14. The CVMA by-laws can only be changed at the yearly CVMA National.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 9 Section 1.*
15. A 5-day grace period to rescind a resignation be allowed with no repercussions to the member. After 5 days, the member will have to re-apply for membership as a new member and will require BOD approval.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 3 Section 1(e)*
16. That active members in good standing with the CVMA who after 5 years become infirm, disabled or otherwise unable to ride their motorcycles be able to keep their patch and be retired as life time members in good standing with the CVMA.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 3 Section 1(f). Amended in Revision F.*
17. That a full member can sponsor only one support member per year.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 3 Section 2(A)(f).*
18. That Officers will serve for 3-year terms and Officers can serve in consecutive terms.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 5 Section 3.*
19. That all nominations and elections to the BOD will take place at the National.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 5 Section 4.*
20. Election schedule, 2 BOD members per year will be considered for re-election in the following order, Pres/Sec, following year, VP/Treas and the next year MA/PR.  
*Amended in 2005. Amended again in Revision E.*
21. That anyone being considered for the BOD has to have been a member for a minimum of one year prior to nomination.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 5, Section 1 Amended in Revision F.*
22. That Auxiliary members and the wearing of the Auxiliary patch be limited to the spouse or significant other of a full member.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 3 Section 2 b. Amended in Revision D.*



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**Vienna, Virginia**  
**28 May 2004**

23. Life Membership requirements, 3 years active in the CVMA. Member must be in good standing for all three years. Minimum participation of one CVMA sanctioned event per year is required. Cost of Life Membership \$150.00. 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.

*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 3 Section 1(g). Amended in Revision G.*

24. A card-carrying member of a motorcycle club would be required to wear their patch and not the large CVMA back patch. The MC member could, however, wear our smaller front patch if their club allowed it.

*Motion carried at 2020 National Meeting in Kansas City, MO to rescind this standing rule.*

25. To change the term Master at Arms back to Sergeant at Arms.

*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 6 Section 6.*

26. Chapter Patches will not to use any territorial markings. Chapter commander can be used.



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**Taos, New Mexico**  
**25 June 2005**

27. State Representatives be able to review applications and service data prior to submission to the BOD for final approval. The BOD would still assign CVMA member numbers, provide CVMA ID cards and have final approval over all applicants. The State Representative would ensure that all applications forwarded to the BOD are complete and legible.
28. Bringing back the large back patch for Supporters and changing both the Auxiliary and Supporter Back Patch. As most MCs read the back patch from the top down, both back patches will be headed by the type of member wearing the patch. Supporter across the top, Skull then Combat Vets at the bottom. Auxiliary would have a similar back patch headed with Auxiliary. Both back patches would be 10" in diameter. The larger Supporter back patch would be reserved for support members who have served in the military. Proof of service is required. Non-military support members would be allowed to wear the smaller patch on the front of their vest. All existing support patches and Auxiliary patches are grandfathered, but no new patches would be produced.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 3 Section 2(A)(j).*
29. The Secretary and Treasurer positions will be accountable to the National President and the CVMA President shall fill these positions at his discretion.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws, Revision B; Article 5 Section 6. Amended in Revision E.*
30. Supporter member ratio is 1 supporter for every 5 Full members based on State.  
*Rescinded by CVMA By-Laws Rev. C, Article 3, Section 2(b)f).*
31. Attendance of a CVMA National Meeting is one of the sanctioned events for Life Membership.  
*Included in the CVMA By-Laws Rev. E, Article 3, Section 1i).*



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**Lafayette, Louisiana**  
**23 June 2007**

32. A conflicting articles clause to give the BOD authority to change the CVMA bylaws if any part are found to be in conflict with Federal or MO state tax laws.

*Included in the CVMA By-Laws Rev. E; Article 1 Section 1(b).*

33. Life Membership requirement changed to 3 years, retain their vote and keep their patch. A life member rocker was authorized.

*Included in the CVMA By-Laws Rev. E; Article 3 Section 1 h).*

34. An investigative committee would be put into place by the BOD to thoroughly investigate incidents before anyone was suspended or a chapter charter revoked. This committee, or review board would consist of two to three state representatives who would investigate any violation of CVMA bylaws or protocol. The BOD would make the final decision up to dismissal of a member or chapter. The chapter or individual being investigated would be notified and given 15 days to respond.

*Included in the CVMA By-Laws Rev. E; Article 10 Section 11. Moved to Section 8 in Revision I.*

35. Change the wording from Presidential discretion to BOD discretion, for appointing the National Secretary and the National Treasurer. In addition, should either be dismissed by the BOD or retire, the BOD would have the authority to replace the officer in Question. At the next meeting the new Secretary or Treasurer would be put up for approval by the members at large and nominations would be taken for anyone wanting to run for that office.

*Included in the CVMA By-Laws Rev. E; Article 6 Section 1 and Article 5 Section 7. Article 8 Section 1 was amended in Revision M1.*

36. Each chapter or sub chapter should incorporate as a 501 c, at their discretion and make a yearly report to their state representative.

*Included in the CVMA By-Laws Rev. E; Article 10 Section 9. Moved to Section 7 in Revision I.*

37. To have the members patches and ID cards sent direct to the state rep who would then either give them directly to the member or give them to the state chapter and let them present the back patch and ID card.

*“To have the members patches sent direct to the state rep who would then either give them directly to the member or give them to the state chapter and let them present the back patch” Included in the CVMA By-Laws Rev.M1; Article 4 Section 3.*

38. To add a memorial page to the National website.

*Completed on August 5, 2020.*



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**STANDING RULES**  
**Spearfish, South Dakota**  
**28 June 2008**

39. The membership may present proposed amendments to the bylaws which shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the bylaws, when ratified by three fourths of the membership present at the National meeting. It was further stated, that should this pass, it would take place immediately. Amendment passed.

*Included in the CVMA By-Laws Rev. E; Article 9 Section 1. Amended in Revision I.*



**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION**  
**STANDING RULES**  
**Tulsa, Oklahoma**  
**20 June 2009**

40. The CVMA SAA outlined the CVMA regions and regional representatives with an explanation of the regions.<sup>1</sup> He also explained the new director's election procedures and responsibilities.<sup>2</sup> Areas were setup with the idea that representatives would be able to visit any section of their area within 1 day's ride. Regional reps would serve for a period of three years.<sup>3</sup> All regional representatives are to be elected no later than December 1, 2009. They will be picked by a vote from the chapters and state representatives.<sup>3</sup> Their duties will include primarily the enforcement of the CVMA National bylaws.<sup>2</sup> In addition, all regions will have delegate votes based on membership. 1 delegate vote per 15 full members. Delegates will be appointed from the chapter or state membership pool. Delegate votes can be used for CVMA National agenda items. Votes for the officers of the BOD will not be changed and will still be taken by full members in actual attendance at the National and any nomination for a BOD members will require the attendance of the nominee.<sup>4</sup>

*1: Included in the CVMA By-Laws Rev. I, Article 6 Section 8.*

*2: Included in the CVMA By-Laws Rev. F, Article 6, Section 8. Amended in Rev. I.*

*3: Included in the CVMA By-Laws Rev. I, Article 6, Section 8.*

*4: Included in the CVMA By-Laws Revision F, Article 9 Section 6. Moved to Section 4 in Revision I.*

41. Chapters need to submit a yearly financial statement to the National treasurer. Financials need to cover money raised for a sanctioned event, what way it was raised and how much was given out and the purpose. Local chapters cannot claim to be tax exempt through the National but must incorporate as a tax-exempt entity on their own. Benefit runs for CVMA members in need can be sanctioned. This takes effect in the 2009 calendar year. Keep track of money and man hours spent should be put on web site.

*Motion carried at 2020 National Meeting in Kansas City, MO to rescind this standing rule.*



**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION**  
**STANDING RULES**  
**St. Augustine, Florida**  
**25 June 2010**

42. Establish a standing CVMA Bylaws Committee made up of all the regional reps and any other individuals so chosen by the CVMA President or that the CVMA BOD would assign to accept, review and work with proponents on changes submitted so that the membership, through their delegates will be prepared to vote at the next national meeting.

*Included in the CVMA By-Laws Rev. I, Article 9, Section 2.*

43. Having the Leadership meeting prior to the general meeting.



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**Colorado Springs, Colorado**  
**18 June 2011**

44. If the CVMA is to establish procedures for the location of the Nationals, it had to go through the bylaws committee.

*Incorporated into the By-Laws, Rev. H Annex A.*



**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION**  
**STANDING RULES**  
**Fontana Dam, North Carolina**  
**16 June 2012**

45. To keep the date of Nationals off Father's Day weekend beginning in 2014.



**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION**  
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**Deadwood, South Dakota**  
**15 June 2013**

No Standing Rules were made in 2013.



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**STANDING RULES**  
**Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**  
**21 June 2014**

46. The days prior to the national meeting will be called convention.



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**Kansas City, Missouri**  
**27 June 2015**

47. Life Membership Criteria: Time and criteria earned as a Support Member will be carried with any member that should move into a membership category that allows for Life Membership.
48. Set the National Meeting Funding Guidelines for Planning Purposes Policy in Accordance with Policy 2-1-14 at \$2.50 per member.



**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION**  
**STANDING RULES**  
**Milwaukee, Wisconsin**  
**25 June 2016**

49. Grant the Chapter Commanders, Chapter Executive Officers and Chapter Secretaries the ability to edit member personal data in the 201 files except for the name, date and chapter assignment. Pursuant to brief discussion, the motion carried by voice vote.

*Completed on February 20, 2018.*



**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION**  
**STANDING RULES**  
**San Diego, California**  
**25 June 2017**

No new standing rule at the National Meeting in 2017.



**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION**  
**STANDING RULES**  
**El Paso, Texas**  
**23 June 2018**

50. Form the National Charitable Donations Committee as a standing committee.



**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION**  
**STANDING RULES**  
**Boise, Idaho**  
**29 June 2019**

No new standing rule at the National Meeting in 2019.



**COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION**  
**STANDING RULES**  
**Kansas City, Missouri**  
**26 September 2020**

51. Form the National Voting Committee as a standing committee.