



**COMBAT VETERAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION®
CHAPTER AR 7-2**

“Vets Helping Vets”

CVMA AR 7-2 Policy 2022-1-1

SUBJECT: Chapter AR 7-2 Distinguished Rider Program (DRP)

Date: January 30, 2022

Duration: This program remains in force until modified by the Chapter Executive Board (CEB) at the direction and under the authority of a majority vote by the chapter membership. Any changes to this policy must be made to the full policy letter. This is to prevent ambiguity or hearsay on changes to the program.

1. General Description

The Distinguished Rider Program (DRP) has been developed to serve two important functions. The first of these is to serve as an incentive program to encourage CVMA members to participate in their chapter rides and events. Secondly, the DRP serves an important role in rewarding and recognizing those CVMA riders and passengers who steadfastly participate in their chapter rides and events. Riding and camaraderie are founding principles of successful and enjoyable CVMA chapters. The DRP is a useful tool to help strengthen and grow our chapter.

2. DRP Guidelines

a. Eligibility

1. The patch and chevrons may be awarded to:

a. Motorcycle Rider

b. Motorcycle Passenger

c. Driver of chapter support vehicle on long-distance rides where a support vehicle is deemed necessary by the chapter CEB. If the support vehicle driver changes in the course of that trip, only those miles driven by each driver can apply to that driver.

d. Member who is deemed medically unable to ride, but still attends the ride with the group in an alternate means of transportation.

b. Allowable Mileage

1. The mileage is earned and accumulated from:

- a. Riding to and from National, Regional, State or Chapter meeting or rally on a motorcycle. These rides can be solo or group rides.
- b. National, State, Regional and Chapter Sanctioned Events: Events that have been sanctioned by the National Board of Directors (NBOD) as providing credit toward yearly and Life membership (i.e., National Meeting, Regional Meeting, State Meeting, etc.)
- c. Chapter Sponsored Events: Events that have been coordinated, managed, and/or co-sponsored by any CVMA Chapter, whereas participation in such an event serves to benefit individuals or organizations outside of the CVMA.
- d. Official Chapter business meetings (i.e., meeting with members to discuss official CVMA matters, this is usually reserved for chapter CEB). These rides can be solo or group rides.
- e. Chapter group ride (e.g., bike nights, weekend camaraderie rides, and veteran events) at the chapter level or higher that has been announced through official chapter communications (email, post to National or Chapter website, etc.). These rides must be opened to all members of the chapter. Announcements must be made at a minimum of 48 hours prior to departure time to allow members ample time to prepare for the ride. Comradery rides consisting of two or more members, if only two members ride and a member cannot finish the ride for any reason, and he/she has completed at least 50% of the ride the other member can finish the ride and get credit for the full ride.
- f. In the event of a situation in which travel restrictions are implemented, DRP miles may be accumulated so long as there is at least one other CVMA member going on the ride to verify/vouch the miles the riders had completed. All logged miles will be submitted monthly to the CEB for approval prior to being added to the DRP log.
- g. DRP mileage will be allowed to be transferred from another chapter if the member's DRP mileage log is sent via email from the member's previous chapter CEB. The DRP mileage log email will be reviewed by CEB. Prior to being annotated on DRP mileage log it must be approved by majority vote of AR7-2 CEB.

c. Logging Mileage

1. At the completion of the ride, the rider will send an e-mail to the DRP POC (Chapter Road Captain or other CEB appointed member) at CVMA.AR72.DRP@gmail.com.
 - a. The subject for the email should be "DRP Mileage Report - date". The report format will contain the following information.
 - b. Rider name, event name, date, and mileage accumulated in US miles.

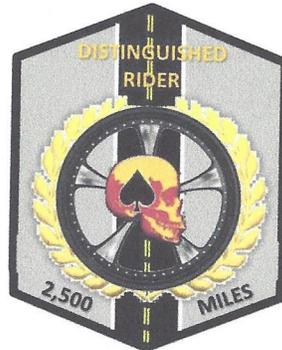
2. The designated DRP POC will maintain a mileage log and update accumulated mileage totals, as necessary. At a minimum, a report will be generated in preparation for quarterly business meetings in which at that time the CEB will award initial patches and chevrons.

3. Patches and Chevrons

CVMA Chapter 23-6 is the sole owner of the DRP patch and chevron design. The chapter QM will maintain a stock of DRP patches and chevrons for award to the individual who has reached accumulated mileage milestones. **The initial patch and all subsequent chevrons will be furnished by the chapter and presented at the next scheduled chapter meeting/event by the CEB.**

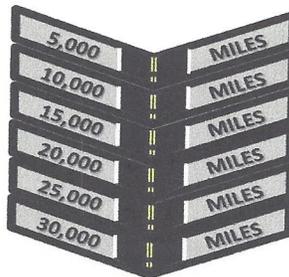
1. The Distinguished Rider patch is in the shape of an oblong hexagon and is 2.5 inches wide and 3.25 inches tall. It has a grey background and black border. The center of the patch contains a vertical two-lane road. Beneath the CVMA skull in the center of the patch is a motorcycle wheel and tire surrounded by a gold wreath. The words "DISTINGUISHED RIDER" are contained at the top of the patch. The patch is awarded for the completion of 2,500 miles ridden.

Distinguished Rider Program (Initial) Patch



2. The Distinguished Rider chevrons have a grey background and black border. The center of the chevron contains a vertical two-lane road that is in line with the base patch. As subsequent chevrons are earned and affixed under the patch, the road appears longer to signify the lengthening journey. The first chevron is awarded at 5,000 miles, the next at 10,000 miles, and so on at 5,000-mile increments.

Distinguished Rider Program Chevrons

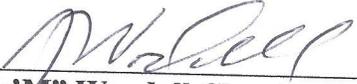


All previous versions are obsolete.

This policy will be reviewed by a chapter appointed or volunteer committee consisting of at least three FM's one year from the date of this policy, or as deemed necessary by a majority vote of the chapter.

Approved by CEB majority vote on: 08 December 2021

Approved by Chapter Vote on: 30 January 2022

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Nothing Follows