

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association  
Chapter 49-2  
**Bylaws**

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BY-LAWS OF THE COMBAT VETERANS' MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION UTAH CHAPTER 49-2 (A Utah Non-Profit Corporation)

**PREAMBLE:**

The Northern Utah Chapter, Combat Veterans' Motorcycle Association, publishes and declares the following as the By-Laws governing said Northern Utah Chapter, Combat Veterans' Motorcycle Association. THIS ORGANIZATION IS NOT, NOR DOES IT CLAIM TO BE, A MOTORCYCLE CLUB (MC). IT DOES NOT HAVE "COLORS" AND DOES NOT "PROSPECT". IT DOES NOT LAY CLAIM TO EXCLUSIVE TERRITORY.

**NAME and JURISDICTION:**

**ARTICLE I - Section 1. Name:** This Corporation shall be known as the Combat Veterans' Motorcycle Association Northern Utah Chapter, hereinafter referred to as "Chapter"

**Section 2- Jurisdiction:** The area of operation of the Chapter shall be the northern part of the State of Utah as bounded by Davis, Morgan and Weber counties.

**Section 3- Principal Office:** The principal office of the Chapter shall be located within the boundaries of the Jurisdiction specified in Article 1, Section 2, hereof.

**OBJECTS:**

**ARTICLE II -** The objects of the Chapter include support of veterans and their organizations and to improve communication and camaraderie between other motorcycle groups; promoting interest in various forms of motorcycle activity associated with veterans; raising awareness of the plight of POWs and MIAs and the health problems of veterans (and their families) returning from combat theaters; conducting functions and activities in a manner consistent with high moral, legal and ethical values.

**EMBLEM and LOGO:**

**ARTICLE III -** The emblem/logo used by the Chapter shall be that specified in the National Combat Veterans' Motorcycle Association, hereinafter referred to "CVMA" By-Laws, Article 1, Section 2, incorporated herein and made part hereof by reference.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

**ARTICLE IV -**

**Section 1- Qualifications:**

A person satisfying the below listed qualifications is eligible for membership in the Chapter:

- a) Is of good character
- b) Is a combat veteran of a foreign war
- c) Acceptable proof for membership is a copy of one's Form DD-214, Form ERB or other military document approved by the National Board of Directors (NBOD). Said proof must be surrendered to the NBOD for verification
- d) Owns and operates a motorcycle in road-worthy and safe condition with an engine displacement of 500 cc or more.

**Section 2 Dues**

National CVMA dues are as prescribed by the CVMA (currently \$20.00 per annum) and Chapter dues are \$10.00 per annum, due and payable in June of each year. National CVMA shall determine deadlines, from time to time, for payment of renewable membership dues. National CVMA dues shall be paid to CVMA State Representative and Chapter dues shall be paid to the Chapter Quartermaster. Dues for Chapter members that are deployed in a war zone shall be waived. Dues for new members will cover the balance of the current year; with the exception of dues for new members joining after March first will be considered as paid for the balance of the current year and for the following year.

### **Section 3 Life Membership**

- a) Life membership qualifications include (I) three years active membership in the Chapter, all in good standing; (II) participation in one CVMA sanctioned event each year; (III) attendance at one CVMA National Meeting (which counts as a sanctioned event for the of the attended CVMA National Meeting).
- b) Life Membership Fee. The fee for Life Membership is \$200.00, which in no case shall be refunded in part or in whole.
- c) Unable to ride. Life members, if for health reasons, at the member's discretion, are unable to ride a motorcycle, shall remain members in good standing with all the privileges pertaining thereto.

### **Section 4 Resignation**

Resignations shall be made verbally or in writing to the Chapter Commander or Executive Officer. Upon acceptance of such resignation, the resigned member shall turn in to the Chapter his/her back-patch and shall cease wearing or use of items bearing the CVMA emblem/logo. A resigned member shall be given a five day "grace period", to rescind his/her resignation without repercussions or prejudice. After such "grace period", a resigned member shall be deemed a new member and shall be subject to the new member requirements.

### **Section 5 Disability**

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 CVA. Members must submit medical documentation and a minimum of one year as a member and/or BOD approval is required.

### **Section 6 Support Member**

The qualifications, requirements and rules for Support Members shall be as specified in the National CVMA By-Laws, Article 3 Section 3.02 (b), which are incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference. Support Members will have no vote in State, Regional or National CVMA business but may vote on CVMA 49-2 Chapter business as allowed in the National CVMA By-Laws Article 3 Section 3.02 (b) (iii).

### **Section 7 Verification of Eligibility**

The Chapter and the CVMA shall verify the eligibility qualifications of any proposed new member whose military service records appear questionable, e.g., altered and/or illegible.

### **Section 8 Attendance at Events**

Each member should attend at least one event hosted by a Utah Chapter each year. With prior approval of the CVMA State Representative a qualifying event may be in another state.

## **Section 9 Conduct and Discipline**

All members must conduct themselves in a manner that is not an embarrassment to them, the Chapter, the CVMA or the United States of America. Bringing dishonor upon the Chapter and/or the CVMA in action, word(s), social media posts or deeds constitutes a breach of acceptable conduct. Failure to abide by these By-Laws or the CVMA By-Laws is a breach of acceptable conduct. Violation of these standards may range from a verbal or written warning to revocation of membership.

## **Section 10 License and Insurance**

Every member shall possess a valid State driver's license with motorcycle endorsement and liability insurance as required by the State of registration of the vehicle.

### **OFFICERS and DUTIES:**

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### **Section 1- Duties of Officers**

- a) **State Representatives:** The State Representative (SR) is over the State's Chapter Commander(s). The SR enforces CVMA Bylaws, watches over their membership, reviews applications for CVMA membership and forwards same to NBOD, and the SR can dismiss or discipline unruly members with NBOD approval. The term of office is three (3) years and will be elected by the full members of the State. Nominees must be active and in good standing with two (2) full years membership. The SR may not hold a chapter office while serving as the State Representative.
- b) **Commander.** The Commander will preside over all meetings of the Chapter, serve as Chairman of the Chapter Board of Directors, be a member of all committees, schedule meetings of the Chapter and the Chapter Board of Directors, schedule elections consistent with these By-Laws, and carry the directives of the Chapter Board of Directors
- c) **Executive Officer.** The Executive Officer shall be second in command and shall carry out the duties of the Commander in his absence and shall be a member of the Chapter Board of Directors.
- d) **Adjutant/Secretary.** The Adjutant shall record minutes, include attendance of every meeting of the Chapter and Chapter Board of Directors, and be a member of the Chapter Board of Directors. The Adjutant shall handle routine correspondence as directed by the Chapter Commander.
- e) **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Chapter and maintain accurate records of receipts and expenditures of the Chapter. The Treasurer shall maintain the Chapter accounts, including but not limited to the checkbook and shall insure that all checks are signed by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Chapter Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall ensure that the Financial Operating Policy, promulgated from time to time by the Chapter Board of Directors, is strictly enforced.
- f) **Sergeant At Arms.** The Sergeant At Arms shall maintain order at meetings and at Chapter functions and rides/runs. He shall verify each person's membership is in good standing at meetings before business requiring votes of the membership takes place. The Sergeant At Arms shall be a member of the Chapter Board of Directors.

## **Section 2- Appointed Officers and Chairmen**

From time to time, the Commander may appoint Officers and Chairmen, specifying the duties thereof, including but not necessarily limited to Chief of Staff, Program Chairmen, Assistants to Elected Officers, Road Captains, Chaplain and Liaison Officers to other organizations.

### **Section 3 Attendance of Officers**

All elected and appointed officers and chairmen shall make every reasonable effort to attend every meeting, event and function of the Chapter. Such officers and chairmen should notify the Commander or Executive Officer when they are unable to attend a meeting, event or function. Officers that accumulate three consecutive meetings unexcused absences shall be deemed to have abandoned the held office and election shall be conducted as soon as possible to fill such office.

## **ELECTIONS:**

### **ARTICLE VI -**

#### **Section 1 - Chapter Elections Timing**

The first chapter election shall be held in May 2015, thereafter (2016) Chapter elections shall be held during the month of May every year. The Commander and Adjutant shall be nominated and elected in odd numbered years, e.g., 2015. The Executive Officer, Treasurer and Sergeant At Arms shall be nominated and elected in even numbered years, e.g., 2016.

#### **Section 2- Terms of Office**

The first year being 2015 the Executive Office, Quartermaster and Sergeant At Arms will be a 12 month term. Officers will assume office immediately after the June meeting. The term of office shall be 24 months. Consecutive terms are permitted and there is no limit on the number of terms an officer may serve.

#### **Section 3- Qualifications**

All Full members shall be eligible to hold any office in the Chapter, provided that such members are in good standing and have been in good standing for at least one year. Officers shall remain in good standing for the entire term for which they have been elected.

#### **Section 4- Vacancies**

Officers becoming not in good standing during their term of office shall have sixty days to become in good standing or they shall be deemed to have abandoned the office to which they were elected. Should an elected office become vacant for any reason, a Chapter election will be held as soon as possible to fill the remaining term of the vacant officer.

#### **Section 5- Multiple Offices**

Chapter officers may not hold more than one elected office concurrently. Any member may hold one elected office and one or more appointed offices concurrently.

**MEETINGS and QUORUM:**

**ARTICLE VII -**

**Section 1 - Regular Meetings**

The Chapter membership shall meet once every month, unless voted upon and changed by the membership of the chapter, at a time and place scheduled by the Commander. The Commander may cancel a regular meeting in the event of inclement weather or other unusual event or circumstance. In such a case, reasonable effort will be made to notify all members of the cancellation.

**Section 2- Quorum**

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

**Section 3- Rules**

Procedural matters shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise amended and provided for in the bylaws.

**Section 4 - Special Meetings**

Special membership meetings may be called by the Commander or by three or more members. In such event, reasonable advance notice of special meeting shall be provided to each member of the Chapter.

**SUBORDINATION and AUTHORITY:**

**ARTICLE VIII -**

**Section 1- Authority**

The supreme power of this Chapter shall be vested in the National CVMA.

**Section 2- Chapter Government**

Subject to the provisions of the National CVMA By-Laws, the government of this Chapter shall be vested in the membership, the chapter Board of Directors and the lawful orders of the Chapter Commander.

**AMENDMENTS:**

**ARTICLE IX -**

**Section 1** -Any proposed amendment to these By-Laws may be acted upon at any membership meeting, provided that a copy of any said proposed amendment shall be provided to each Chapter member thirty days prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment may be acted upon. Any such proposed amendment shall be declared adopted upon a two-thirds vote of the meeting.

## **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:**

### **ARTICLE X -**

#### **Section 1 Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the Chapter, after liabilities have been paid, the assets of the Chapter shall insure to the benefit of the National CVMA.

#### **Section 2 Conflicting Provisions**

If there is a conflict between the provisions of these By-Laws and the Articles of Incorporation of the Chapter, the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation shall govern. If there is a conflict between the provisions of these By-Laws and the By-Laws of the National CVMA, the provisions of the National CVMA By-Laws shall govern.

#### **Section 3 Unenforceable Provisions**

If any provision of these By-Laws is held unenforceable or invalid by a higher CVMA authority or a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall be unaffected by such holding.

#### **Section 4 Conflict of Interest**

The Chapter Board of Directors shall develop and maintain a Conflict of Interest Policy governing transactions or arrangements that might benefit the private interest of a Chapter member or officer. Such policy shall be reviewed by the membership annually.

#### **Section 5 Financial Operating Policy**

The Chapter Board of Directors shall develop and maintain a Financial Operating Policy governing the management and procedures for the handling of Chapter funds. Such policy shall be reviewed by the membership annually.

### **ARTICLE XI**

**Section 1** These By-Laws were adopted, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association. On this, the 16th day of May 2015. Modified by Chapter vote 9/19/20.