



COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION Colorado Chapter 3-1

Denver, CO 80231

"Veterans Helping Veterans"

CVMA 3-1 Policy 1

Date: 02/12/2023

Subject: CVMA Chapter 3-1 Distinguished Rider Program

Duration: This program remains in force until modified by the Chapter Executive Board at the direction and under the authority of a majority vote by the chapter membership.

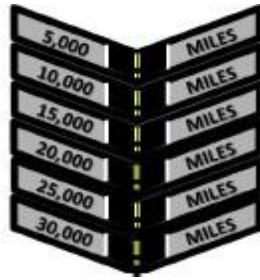
1. General.

- a. The Distinguished Rider Program (DRP) has been developed to serve three important functions. First is to serve as an incentive program to encourage CVMA members to participate in their chapter rides and events. Second, the DRP serves an important role in rewarding and recognizing those CVMA riders and passengers who steadfastly participate in their chapter rides and events. Third, to ensure visibility of our organization to the general public, wearing of the CVMA back patch is mandatory. Riding and camaraderie are founding principles of successful and enjoyable CVMA chapters. The DRP is a useful tool to help strengthen and grow our chapters.
- b. 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. The numbers 3 1 identify our chapter Colorado Chapter 3-1.



Distinguished Rider Program (Initial) Patch

- c. 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

2. **DRP Guidelines**

a. **Eligibility**

The patch and chevrons may be awarded to:

- i. Motorcycle Rider
- ii. Motorcycle Passenger
- iii. Driver of chapter support vehicle (capable of hauling a motorcycle) where a support vehicle is deemed necessary by the Road Captain. If the support vehicle driver changes during that trip, only those miles driven by each driver can apply to that driver. Drivers will receive full mileage credit for that trip
- iv. 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**

The mileage is earned and accumulated from:

- i. Riding to and from State, Region, or National meeting or rally. When riding as a single rider and not part of a group, the rider will only accumulate direct miles to and from the State, Region, or National meeting or rally. Group rides at a State, Region, or National meeting or rally will count towards total miles for those that participated on the ride.
- ii. A chapter sanctioned or sponsored motorcycle group ride (e.g. bike nights, weekend camaraderie rides, and veteran events) at the chapter level or higher that have been announced through e-mail and Facebook in which two (2) or more vehicles participate. (Exception to the two (2) vehicle requirement can be made to the CEB on a case-by-case basis. The CEB will notify the DRP POC upon their decision).
- iii. Individuals that fall under the 2.a.iv. Eligibility category, will accumulate miles at half the rate. Annotate the name of those individuals on the ride datasheet with two asterisks (**).

c. **Logging Mileage**

- i. At the completion of the ride, the Ride Captain will send an e-mail to the DRP POC, this will be either the Chapter Road Captain or his designated representative. The subject for the email should be "Mileage Report - Event - Date". The email body will include name and total miles ridden.
- ii. 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 monthly business meetings. Mileage is a lifetime total and does not reset at any point unless the member resigns from the chapter and reinstates.

3. Patches and Chevrons

- a. The designated Chapter Quartermaster/Treasurer will coordinate ordering the DRP patch or chevron for award to the individual who has accumulated miles with chapter funds through CVMA Chapter 3-1. CVMA Chapter 3-1 is the sole owner of the DRP patch and chevron design.
- b. At the monthly business meeting, the DRP POC will announce those individuals that are within 200 miles of their patch or chevron.

4. Event Type Definitions

- a. National-Sanctioned Event: Events that have been sanctioned by the National Board of Directors (NBOD) as providing credit toward yearly and Life membership (i.e. National Meeting, State Meeting, Wreaths Across America, etc.).
 - b. Chapter-Sponsored Event: Events that have been coordinated, managed, and/or co-sponsored by a CVMA Chapter, whereas participation in such an event serves to benefit individuals or organizations outside of the CVMA (i.e. fundraising).
 - c. Chapter-Sanctioned Event: Any event that does not meet the criteria above, but meets the eligibility criteria for the accumulation of miles (i.e. morale and camaraderie rides, bike nights, non-sponsored Veteran events, etc.).
5. This policy will be reviewed by a chapter-appointed or volunteer committee consisting of at least three FM's annually, or as deemed necessary by a majority vote of the chapter.
 6. This Program will be overseen by the Chapter Executive Officer. The Road Captain and the Road Lieutenants will have final say on all mileage issues.

Approved by: