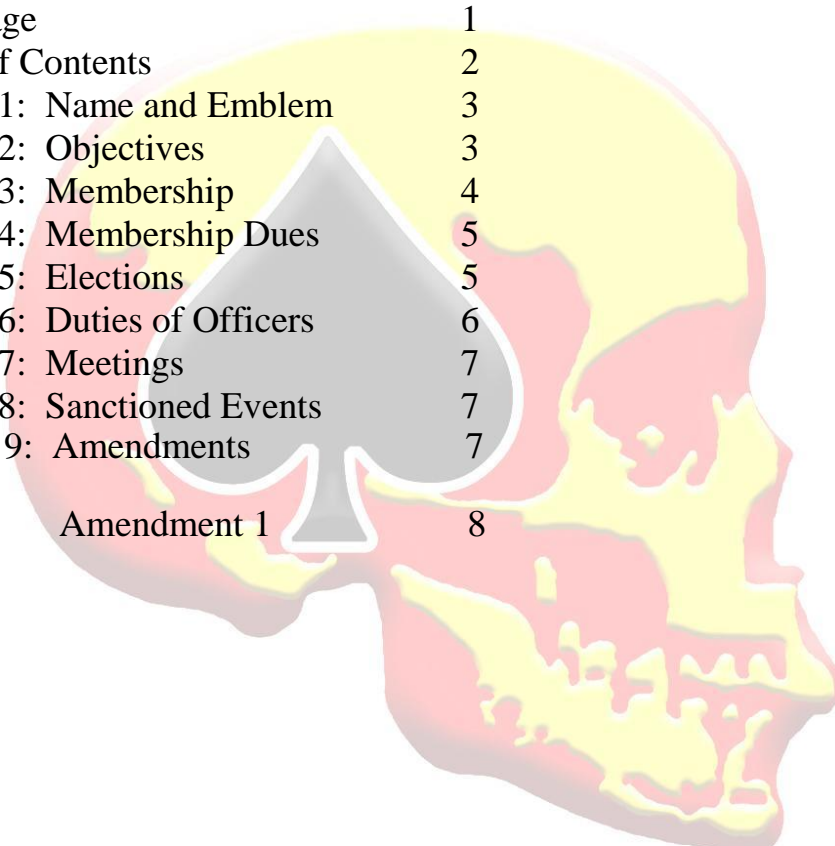




**Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association
Chapter 7-1 Bylaws**

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The name of the association is: Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, Chapter 7-1. These Bylaws are in addition to the National Bylaws and describe specific actions of Chapter 7-1. If at any time the National Bylaws and the Chapter 7-1 Bylaws are in conflict, the National Bylaws will be the prevailing document and override the Chapter 7-1 Bylaws. All members will follow all CVMA By-Laws, Policies, Procedures, Protocol, and directives.

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND EMBLEM

Section 1 (a)

- a. Principle office of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 7-1 will be located in, Arkansas. The physical address will be: 1007 Mountain View Circle, Benton, AR 72019
- b. Change of Address: The designation of the principal office may change by amendment of these bylaws and approval of the AR State Rep and NBOD.

Section 1 (b)

The 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) of the Internal Revenue Code. Chapter 7-1 may choose to apply for any 501(c) tax exempt status offered any veteran group. The Chapter 7-1 Executive Board have the authority to change the CVMA bylaws if any part is found to be in conflict with Federal or the State of Arkansas tax laws.

Section 2

The emblem / logo used by the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association are the sole property of the CVMA. The CVMA patch and logo cannot be reproduced without license from the National Board of Directors. 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 all branches of the military service of the United States. 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.

ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES

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 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.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

Definitions:

The term "Good Standing" shall be defined as any person who has fulfilled the requirements for membership in the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, who is not currently under disciplinary review or probationary status for disciplinary reasons, who has paid all necessary dues (National) and conformed to the requirements as set forth in these bylaws. Any concerns of a member of Chapter 7-1 not in "Good Standing" will be reported by the Commander to the State Representative. Anytime a member is not in "Good Standing" a note will be placed in their 201 file.

All members MUST conduct themselves in a manner that is not an embarrassment to themselves, the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, or the United States of America.

Membership criteria for Full, Support and Auxiliary members are defined in the CVMA National By-Laws.

Section 1

All members will be "patched in" at a regular 7-1 membership meeting or function. Chapter supplied FM Patches are the property of the Chapter. If a member is removed, leaves or quits Chapter 7-1, or fails to pay yearly dues, the Patch will be returned to one of the Chapter Officers or the Quartermaster. Said Patch will be reissued to new FMs or used for purposes deemed as appropriate by the Chapter Commander.

Section 2. Membership classifications

a. Full Member:

1. Requirements are as specified within the national CVMA bylaws.
2. Will automatically be placed in this chapter upon acceptance of application by National Board of Directors **and** if Chapter 7-1 is the nearest chapter to the member's address or 7-1 is specifically requested.

b. Auxiliary Members:

1. Requirements are as specified within the national CVMA bylaws.
2. Will be assigned to same chapter as their Full Member.
3. Will have no vote in Chapter business
4. Will not hold a voting position of Chapter Executive Board.

c. Support Members:

1. Requirements are as specified within the national CVMA bylaws.

2. Will be assigned to same chapter as their Full Member Sponsor.
3. Must be an active participating chapter member.
4. May change Full Member Sponsor with request to the Arkansas State Representative.
5. Will have no vote in Chapter business.
6. Will not hold a voting position on Chapter Executive Board.

Section 3

All Members (to include those Auxiliary Members that own a motorcycle) must possess a valid motorcycle driver's license endorsed by their state (Home of Record) as well as proof of insurance for their motorcycle.

Section 4 - Misconduct

- a. In the event of misconduct by any member, under the by-laws of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, the Chapter Executive Board, thru the State and Regional Representative, will forward a request to the National Board of Directors for the recommendation of a resolution concerning 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. All members **MUST AND WILL** conduct themselves in a manner that is not an embarrassment to themselves, the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, or the United States of America.
- 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.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 1

National Dues are as found within the National CVMA Bylaws. Chapter 7-1 does not charge Chapter Dues.

ARTICLE 5: ELECTIONS

Section 1

All nominees for any elected office position in Chapter 7-1 must be active and in good standing in the association with a minimum of one (1) full year CVMA membership. Retired members cannot hold a CVMA officer position. The positions of the Chapter Commander (CC), Executive Officer (XO), Secretary (SEC) and Treasurer (TRES) and Sergeant At Arms (SAA) can only be held by FULL Members.

Section 2

All elected and or appointed Chapter officers must remain active members in good standing for the duration of the term while in office.

Section 3

All officers that comprise the Chapter Executive Board (CEB) are to be nominated and elected at a Regular Scheduled Meeting. All officers will assume office within 60 days of the election and hold that office for 36 months. Consecutive terms are permitted.

Section 4

Should an elected officer resign from office for any reason, the Chapter Commander may appoint a qualified member to complete the remaining term, or require an election be held at any Regular Scheduled Meeting for a replacement to complete the remaining term of that officer.

ARTICLE 6: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1

The Commander (CC) may vote to create a tie or to break a tie vote; preside over all meetings of the Chapter; serve as Chairman of the Chapter Executive Board; issue the call for regular and special Chapter Executive Board meetings; schedule regular elections and will held IAW the By-Laws; appoints committee members; appoints below listed positions in Section 6; ex officio member of all committees; carry out the directives of the Chain of Command up to the National Board of Directors.

Section 2

The Executive Officer (XO) is a voting member of the Chapter Executive Board; performs all duties of the Commander in his/her absence; assumes all duties assigned by the CC.

Section 3

The Treasurer (TRES) is a voting member of the Chapter Executive Board; collects all income due chapter; maintains the accounting records; makes payments from the chapter's funds (when so ordered by the Chapter Executive Board); signs all Chapter checks (along with another officer's signature); makes regular reports of the chapter's financial status to the chapter members and the State Representative; and all duties assigned by the CC.

Section 4

The Secretary (SEC) is a voting member of the Chapter Executive Board and shall keep minutes of the Chapter Executive Board and general membership meetings; shall provide copies of minutes to chapter members and State Representative within thirty days of meeting; and assume all duties assigned by the CC.

Section 5

The Sergeant-At-Arms (SAA) is a voting member of the Chapter Executive Board; maintains order during all meetings; insures that all in attendance are members in good standing or invited guests; ensures only current full members vote on CVMA business; assumes all duties assigned by the CC.

Section 6

In addition to officers listed, the Chapter Commander may appoint the following positions: Public Relations Officer (PRO), Chaplain (Chap), Chapter Quartermaster (QM), Chapter Road Captain (RC), Assistant Road Captain(s), and the Chapter Webmaster. These positions will be considered as appointed positions but will not be members of the Chapter Executive Board nor have any executive authority as elected Chapter Officers. These positions will assume all duties as assigned by the CC. These positions may be filled by FM, Support or Aux members (in good standing) of Chapter 7-1. These positions will report directly to the Chapter Commander. These appointed positions may wear the appropriate patch designating their appointed Chapter position. If so appointed, the same person may hold multiple appointed officer positions within the Chapter. There will be no specific term limitations for these appointed positions.

- a. The PRO 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 all Chapter publicity, in conjunction with and approved by the CC. Duties will include: Historian, pictures, newspaper articles, TV and radio announcements.
- b. The Chaplain will keep the Chapter Executive Board informed of any member needs to include, but not limited to, hospitalization, accidents, and deaths. The Chaplain will also conduct Invocation and Benediction when asked.

- c. The Chapter Quartermaster will maintain and manage the stockage of Chapter unique items (to include Chapter Patches, Chapter specific Apparel, Chapter Gideon, Chapter purchased CVMA FM Patches, Chapter Purchased items, Chapter unique items (Coins), etc). Any monies that obtained from the sales of said items will be turned over to the Chapter Treasurer. The Quartermaster can make recommendations to the Chapter and the Chapter Executive Board for purchases and future items.
- d. The Chapter Road Captain will maintain order and safety during organized Chapter Rides of six or more members. Will be responsible for teaching Chapter members formation hand signals, proper riding formations, enforcing safety procedures, assisting in safety inspections of chapter members motorcycles (for informational purposes only), performing route recons, and other duties as assigned. Will be responsible for the training of Assistant Road Captain(s).
- e. Chapter Webmaster will be responsible for the input of items and information of the Chapter webpage, work to ensure content is acceptable and easily understood by Chapter members on the Chapter webpage located on the National Site.

ARTICLE 7: MEETINGS

Section 1

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

Section 2

Regular Membership Meetings will be held monthly at a date, time and place decided by the CC with input from the chapter. All members will show proper respect and conduct themselves in a manner that brings credit to the CVMA and Chapter 7-1. Vulgarity will not be tolerated. Failure to comply will result in expulsion from the Membership Meeting by the SAA. Attendance to the regular Chapter 7-1 meetings is highly encouraged but not mandatory by its Chapter members.

ARTICLE 8: SANCTIONED EVENTS

CVMA Chapter 7-1 will have at a minimum one sanctioned event yearly. It is highly encouraged but NOT mandatory that all 7-1 members attend the sanctioned event. It is also encouraged that CVMA7-1 members attend sanctioned events held by other CVMA Arkansas chapters to promote CVMA unity within the state. This can also be an event in any other state if prior approval is obtained from the state representative. Attendance at the CVMA Nationals does NOT require approval from the state representative.

ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENTS

Section 1

Amendments, when ratified by three fourths of the Full Members (in good standing) present at a Regular Membership Meeting, take effect after being approved by the State Rep, the Region 5 Rep and the NBoD. The NBoD is an approval authority for By-Laws amendments.

Amendment 1 to CVMA 7-1 By-Laws (Approved 22 Aug 2015)

CVMA 7-1 Caisson Usage

This policy is established to provide directives for the use of CVMA Chapter 7-1 Caisson (and associated equipment), the records to be kept on the usage, expenses incurred by its usage, donations that are given of the usage of the caisson, authorized operators of the Trike, and POC for requesting.

ELIGIABILITY AND PRIORITIES

1. Since there is special connection and identity with the caisson, it will used only for veterans with an honorable discharge as documented by a DD214, a VA Card, a military/retiree identification card, personal knowledge, or membership in the CVMA. If these cannot be verified, confirmed commitment of an active duty honor guard or burial in a veteran's cemetery will be sufficient proof. The POC will verify this documentation.
2. Priorities are as follows:
 - a. CVMA Chapter 7-1 Members
 - b. Members of any Arkansas CVMA Chapter
 - c. Members of CVMA chapters in adjoining states (adjoining to Arkansas borders) within the limits set within this policy.
 - d. Any combat veteran who qualifies by this policy
 - e. Any veteran who qualifies by this policy

REQUEST FOR USAGE

1. All requests must be submitted NLT 24 hours before the required service; the earlier the request, the better. This allows time to ready the caisson, trike, and transport trailer; and to secure a driver and escort.
2. In the event there are two or more requests for the same day, the first request received will have priority. All efforts will be made to fill all requests, distance and timing will determine if multiple services can be provided.

FUNDING OF USAGE

1. Cost of operation will be determined by these factors: costs of monthly insurance and required maintenance on the trike, caisson, and transport trailer; cost of fuel per each approved event (trike and transport vehicle); meals and hotel stay (in the case of an overnight stay) for the operator.
 - a. A suggested donation from the veteran's family will be set at \$75.00 for local (within 50 miles of North Little Rock, AR), \$150.00 within 100 miles of North Little Rock, AR, and \$300.00 for over 100 miles from North Little Rock, AR. (These rates are subject to change at any time, as voted on by the 7-1 Chapter Executive Board).
 - b. The area of service for the caisson and its support equipment will be limited to a 250 mile radius of North Little Rock, AR.

- c. Veterans that have no known family members, estranged families, or families with limited funds will be provided the caisson free of the suggested donation for usage. The Suggested fees will be taken from the Chapter funds to reimburse for fuel usage (and/or hotel stay) for the driver.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER VETERANS GROUPS AND FUNERAL HOMES

It is not the intention of the CVMA Chapter 7-1 to compete with any other organization or funeral homes providing honor and respect services to a fallen Brother or Sister.

- a. The Caisson operator will follow the directions of the funeral home director /or designated representative (i.e. escort) to the cemetery (or place of internment) and return. It is highly suggested that the caisson operator coordinate with the Funeral Home Director (or representative) prior to the funeral service on the proper loading and unloading of the deceased casket (or remains container) on the caisson.
- b. Therefore, when Chapter 7-1 provides this service, the Chapter has voted and accepted that NO ONE except that a designated Chapter 7-1 operator(s) operates the Trike.
- c. When it is a fallen CVMA member that the service is provided for, two members of that CVMA Chapter will ride (one in front and one in back) of the caisson as an escort of their Brother/Sister. Other members will ride as agreed on with the POC of that group.

DRIVERS DESIGNATED TO OPERATE THE TRIKE

1. Operators of the Trike and Caisson will be familiar and experienced in operating the equipment. To insure this is accomplished, the Chapter 7-1 Road Captain will verify the operator's training.
2. A list of qualified operators will be maintained by the Chapter 7-1 POC and the Chapter 7-1 Road Captain. This list will include their phone numbers and e-mail address. The Ride Captain will confirm that the Operators have a valid Driver's License with a motorcycle endorsement.

RECORDS AND RECORDS KEEPING

1. All records will be kept by the POC. For ease of usage, this can be kept on a thumb-drive/and or CD and transferred as needed to those needing access to the information. Monthly reports will be provided to the Chapter 7-1 Secretary for monthly reading at the Chapter Meetings. Any donations collected will be given to the Chapter 7-1 Treasurer for inclusion into the Chapter funds.
2. Records associated with the use, maintenance, and other costs will be maintained as a spreadsheet application when possible by the 7-1 POC.
3. This Amendment may be modified at any time by a vote the Chapter 7-1 membership or the 7-1 Chapter Executive Board.