



**Vermont Combat Veterans Motorcycle
Association
Chapter 26-1
Bylaws**

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ARTICLE 1: NAME AND EMBLEM

Section 1 (a) The name of the association is: Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association of Vermont, Inc. Chapter 26-1

a. Principle office of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association will be located at the following address: 1019 Highland, Liberty, MO 64068 USA

b. Change of Address. The designation of the county or state of Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association principal office may change by amendment of these bylaws. The board of Officers may change the principal office from one location to another within the named country by noting the changed address and effective date below, and such changes shall not be deemed minor, and require an amendment of these bylaws.

c. Any chapter address changes will not be considered so important as require an amendment of these bylaws voted on by members of Chapter 26-1. (Amended 03 April 2011)

d. Other Offices. The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 26-1 may also utilize offices at other locations as needed to conduct business, as the Chapter BOD designates. (Amended 03 April 2011)

Section 1 (b) IRS Section 501(c) (19) Purposes. 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) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code. The BOD has the authority to change the CVMA bylaws if any part is found to be in conflict with Federal or MO state tax laws.

Section 2 The emblem / logo used by the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is the sole property of the CVMA. The CVMA patch and logo cannot be reproduced without license from the BOD. 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 and 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.

Section 7 Sec. 7 (a) Any and all funds/monies collected for CVMA-VT. Inc. 26-1 shall be immediately turned over to the Chapter Treasurer. In the event that the Treasurer is not available; all funds will be counted and turned over to a BOD member; and then to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

Sec. 7 (b) Donations from the Chapter Treasury for benevolent purposes are set at up to \$1,000.00 per incident. (Amended 1/8/12)

Sec. 7 (b) 1. Additional monies for the same cause may be raised by other means.

Sec. 7(b) 2. If there continues to be a need, then consideration will be given for additional grants of up to \$1,000.00 (Amended 1/8/12)

Sec. 7(c) The BOD will convene either face-to-face, or by phone, or by e-mail; to discuss and decide the status and the amount of the grant being sought by the veteran in need.

The final determination of the grant is to be determined by a vote of the majority of the BOD members. The tally is to be included as part of the grant request file. The action and information is to be presented to the membership at the next general meeting. Approval of the membership is not required.

Section 7 (d) There are no guaranteed donations to any outside organization. Donations to any outside organization during a calendar year must be brought before the Chapter membership for vote before funds can be donated. (Amended 01/10/16)

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 the necessary dues and conformed to the requirements as set forth in these bylaws.

Section 1 (a)

Full Member:

a) Of good character. b) Who is a Veteran of a Foreign War, "Combat". c) The ONLY Acceptable proof for membership to the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is a copy of one's DD 214 or ERB which must be surrendered to the BOD for verification. d) Annual dues of \$20 will be assessed effective March 1, 2010 for all Full Members (Combat Veterans) and \$10 for Support Members (non-combat veterans). Dues for CVMA members deployed in a war zone will be waived. Dues for all members must be received by June 30th of each year. Dues for all new members joining between January 1st and June 30th will be considered as paid in full for the balance of the current dues year and the following dues year. Dues for new members joining between July 1st and December 31st will be for the current dues year only. (rev. 6/2010) e) Must own and operate a Motorcycle of 500cc or above. f) Should a full member resign they will be given a 5 day grace period to rescind their resignation with no repercussions. After the 5 day grace period a member will have to re-apply for membership as a new member and will require BOD approval. g) 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 CVMA. Members must submit medical documentation and a minimum of one year as a member and/or BOD approval is required. h) Life members, if for health reasons can no longer ride can at their discretion, remain members in good standing with full voting privileges and can keep their patch. i) Life membership requirements: 3 years active in the CVMA. Member must be in good standing for all three years and minimum participation of one sanctioned CVMA event per year is required. One of which must be a National meeting. Cost for life membership is \$200. 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. j) Member's initial assignment of chapter will be in the State of physical residence. Once membership is approved, he or she can request in writing for a change of Chapter to the gaining and losing State Rep. Chapter affiliation to any Chapter of his or her choosing may be requested, to include a chapter in another state if that chapter is closer than the existing chapter and the losing and gaining states share a common border. If the distance is shorter, the request will be approved. The member will only have all rights as a Full Member in the State that they claim membership in. (rev. 6-21-14)

Section 1 (b)

Auxiliary Members: a) Must be of good character. b) All Auxiliary members must be a spouse, widow or widower of a member who is in good standing with the CVMA. (Rev. 06/2015) c)

Must support the efforts of ALL branches of the United States of America's Armed Forces and the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association. d) Will have no vote in CVMA business.

e) Cannot hold a position on the BOD.

f) \$10.00 annual dues will be assessed by the CVMA Auxiliary Unit.

Section 1 (c)

Support members: a) Must be of good character. b) Must own and operate a motorcycle of 500cc or greater. c) Maximum number of support members will not exceed 10% of total CVMA full Combat membership. d) Support members must be a veteran of the United States Armed Forces. e) Support members will read and abide by all CVMA by-laws applicable to them. Sections excluded:

- 1 Section 6 and subsection 2.
- 2 Section 3.
- 3 Elections.
- 4 Duties of Officers.

f) Support members are required to submit their application with proof of military service through a full member of the CVMA who has held a membership for not less than one year. Support members are required to have either ridden a minimum of 3,000 miles with their sponsor, attended three CVMA events or be known by their sponsor for a minimum of 6 months. A full member submitting an application for a support member should verify they meet the above criteria. Only 1 support member can be vouched on per year by an individual CVMA member. Support members will be at a 1 to 10 ratio, 1 support member to 10 full members based on state.

g) Will have no vote in CVMA business. h) Cannot hold a position on the BOD. i) \$10.00 annual dues will be assessed and a CVMA Support ID will be issued. j) Support members in good standing can wear a small CVMA Support Patch on the front of their vest or jacket which will be supplied by their sponsor. Support members can also wear the 10 inch support back patch which will be supplied by their sponsor.

Section 2 (a)

Auxiliary Members:

a. Must be of good character.

b. All Auxiliary members must be a spouse, widow or widower of a full member who is in good standing with the CVMA and must provide CVMA proof of marriage if last names differ.

(Amended 03April 2011)

c. Must support the efforts of ALL branches of the United States of America's Armed Forces and the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.

d. Will have no vote in CVMA business.

e. Cannot hold a position on the BOD.

f. \$10.00 annual dues will be assessed by the CVMA Auxiliary Unit.

Section 2 (b)

Supporter members:

Must be of good character.

Must own and operate a motorcycle of 500cc or greater. Maximum number of support members will not exceed 10% of total CVMA full Combat membership.

Support members must be a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

Support members will read and abide by all CVMA by-laws applicable to them. Sections excluded:

- a. Section 6 and subsection 2.
- b. Section 3.
- c. Elections.
- d. Duties of Officers.

Support members are required to submit their application with proof of military service through a full member of the CVMA who has held a membership for not less than one year. Support members are required to have either ridden a minimum of 3,000 miles with their sponsor, attended three CVMA events or be known by their sponsor for a minimum of 6 months. A full member submitting an application for a support member should verify they meet the above criteria. Only 1 support member can be vouched on per year by an individual CVMA member. Support members will be at a 1 to 10 ratio, 1 support member to 10 full members based on state.

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Support members in good standing can wear a small CVMA Support Patch on the front of their vest or jacket which will be supplied by their sponsor. Support members can also wear the 10 inch support back patch which will be supplied by their sponsor.

Section 3 By applying for membership with the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, you are giving the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and its Board of Directors the right to verify any membership application and DD 214 records.

Section 4 Each member should attend a minimum of at least one (1) event hosted by the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association per year. This can also be an event in any

member's state if prior approval is obtained by the state representative from the governing body of the Combat Veterans Association.

Section 5 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.

Section 6 All members must possess a valid motorcycle driver's license endorsed by their state as well as proof of insurance for their motorcycle.

Section 7

a. In the event of misconduct by any member, under the by-laws of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, the Board of Directors possesses the right to revoke 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.

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.

Section 8

Any full member who is still a member of the Armed Forces of the USA who attends the previous year's Nationals, but cannot, because of Military deployment to a combat zone, attend the current year national meeting will be given credit for the National and will be authorized a rocker for the National patch that will read for example: [Deployed 20xx]

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 1 Membership dues shall be at such rate, schedule or formula as may from time to time be prescribed by the governing body of the association and approved by the general membership.

a. Payment for National Full Member, Supporter Member and Auxiliary Member dues are made through PayPal at CVMA Store by June 30.

b. National Membership fee: Full Member: \$20.00 Supporter Member: \$10.00 Auxiliary Member: \$10.00

c. Local Chapter Membership fee: \$5.00 each level (Amended 03 April 2011)

Section 2 The governing body of the association shall determine deadlines for payment of renewal membership dues.

a. Payments may be made to the Chapter Treasure by 01 June each year IF the member does not own either a computer or a credit card or both, otherwise ARTICLE 4, Section 1, a applies. (Amended 03 April 2011)

Section 3 New members purchasing patches of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association will be done so at cost plus shipping and handling.

Section 4 Charter members will not be required to pay annual dues and may wear the 45 patch designating that they are an original starter member, or support member, of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.

a. A new member will sign a "Patch Agreement" upon receipt of his/her CVMA back patch. (Amended 03 April 2011)

Section 5 Chapters can collect local dues. A cap of \$10.00 annual chapter dues can be assessed. All national dues continue to go straight to national.

ARTICLE 5: ELECTIONS

Section 1 All nominees for any office must be active and in good standing in the association with a minimum of one

(1) full year CVMA membership and dues must be current. (Amended 03 April 2011) All nominees for the National BOD must be a member in good standing and have held a Chapter, State or Regional leadership position for a period of one (1) year. Retired members cannot hold a CVMA officer position. Chapter officers in newly formed chapters are excluded from the one year requirement.

Section 2 All elected and or appointed officers and Board of Directors must remain active members in good standing for the duration of the term while in office.

Section 3 All officers are to be elected in accordance with Section 6 below and will hold that office for 24 (Amended 14 November 2016) months or until their successors are duly qualified. Consecutive terms are permitted.

Section 4 Nominations and elections to the BOD will be taken before the September election date. The nominator and the nominee must be present during the nomination and election procedures. (Amended 03 April 2011)

Section 5 Members nominated for office are qualified if he or she is a paid member in good standing with the CVMA for a minimum of 1 year.

Section 6

Chapter BOD members will be considered for re-election in the following order:

(Amended 11-14-2016) Chapter Commander and Chapter Secretary: beginning in 2018, the elections for these positions will be held in October in even years.

(Amended 11-14-2016) Chapter Executive Officer and Chapter Sergeant At Arms: beginning in 2017, the elections for these positions will be held in February in odd years.

(Amended 11-14-2016) Chapter Treasurer and Chapter Public Relations Officer: beginning in 2017, the elections for these positions will be held in October in odd years.

Should any Officer advance; resign; or be removed from office for any reason or be deceased; the Chapter BOD will immediately appoint a replacement to fill the position until a nomination and election can take place in accordance with the schedule above. (Amended 11-14-2016)

Section 7 Should an elected officer resign from office for any reason the BOD will appoint a replacement to serve as outlined above. (Amended 11-14-2016)

a. Absentee Ballots for Chapter elections only will be recognized. The option to use Absentee Ballot

(s) Must meet the following criteria:

- a. A minimum of 30 days notification prior to date of voting with a legitimate reason such as Travel, Change of residence.
- b. An “emergency” is just that and will be dealt with on an individual basis. (Variable)
- c. An email vote must be received no later than mid-night of the day before the election. (Amended 03 April 2011)



ARTICLE 6: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 The Chapter Commander (Amended 03 April 2011) will preside over all meetings of the association; serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors, act as executive officer member of all committees, issue the call for regular and special Board of Directors meetings, schedule regular elections, and be sure they are held IAW this constitution, and carry out the directives of the Board of Directors. Treasurer and Secretary Positions are both accountable to the CVMA BOD; the CVMA BOD is allowed to temporarily fill these positions as required.

Section 2 The Chapter Executive Officer (Amended 03 April 2011) will perform all duties of the Chapter Commander (Amended 03 April 2011) in his absence.

Section 3 The Secretary shall keep minutes of the BOD and general membership meetings. The Secretary shall provide copies of BOD (Amended 03. April 2011) minutes to members and State representative within sixty days of meeting. The Secretary will assume all duties assigned to office by the NBOD.

Section 4 The Treasurer will collect dues and other forms of income due to the association, maintain the accounting books, make payments from the associations funds when so ordered by the board of Directors, sign all associations checks (along with another officers signature) and make regular reports of the associations financial status to the Board of Directors, State Representative and the general membership.

Section 5 The Public Relations Officer 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 the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Associations publicity, in conjunction with and approved by the association's President. Duties will include: Historian, club file, pictures, newspaper articles, TV and radio announcements and the associations web site.

Section 6 Sergeant at Arms has and will maintain order during CVMA meeting's and may check members ID cards before the start of each meeting. (Amended 03 April 2011)

Section 7 The Board of Directors constitutes the Executive Board of the Association; responsible for the execution, through its officers; of the authorized policies, by majority votes, filling vacancies in any office of the Board of Directors and submits through the association's meetings, any recommendations affecting the policies of the association which have been previously approved.

Section 8 Regional Representatives:

a) Will be elected by the members of their region. b) Required prior service as a Chapter Officer or State Representative. c) Will serve a term of three years, and can be re-elected. d) Will not hold another Officer position in the CVMA. e) Serves as member of the Bylaws Committee. f) Mediates disputes between States and/or Chapters. g) Compiles and verifies chapter population and delegate information for all chapters in Region. h) Regional representatives' primary duty will be to enforce the CVMA bylaws. i) Regions:

Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Florida.

Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia.

Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont.

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin.

Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas.

Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska.

Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming.

Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah.

California, Hawaii, Nevada.

Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington.

Section 9 State Representatives:

- a. Will be elected by the full members of their respective state.
- b. Nominees must be active and in good standing with a minimum of two (2) full years CVMA membership.
- c. Term of office shall be three (3) years.
- d. The State Representative is over their State's Chapter Commander(s).
- e. Responsibilities:

Enforce CVMA Bylaws.

Watch over their membership.

Review applications for CVMA membership and forward same to NBOD.

- f. State Representatives can dismiss or discipline unruly members with NBOD approval.

Section 10 State and Regional Officers would use military terms to describe their position.

Section 11 National BOD members may not hold the position of Regional Representative, State Representative or Chapter Officer while serving on the National BOD.

Section 12 The National BOD is responsible for implementing overall policy and direction of the association. The National BOD is responsible for day-to-day operations of the association and shall make decisions as necessary to maintain the association's viability and order. At the BOD's discretion, they may delegate responsibility of implementing policy operations to the State Representatives and Regional/Area Reps when necessary.

ARTICLE 7:

MEETINGS Section 1 A quorum of conducting business shall be those present at any given meeting.

Section 2 Special membership meetings and special Board of Directors meetings can be called by the President or two active members.

Section 3 Roberts Rule of Order will be applied during meetings to affect parliamentary procedures, unless otherwise amended and provided for in the bylaws. The Chapter Commander will appoint a member of the BOD (Amended 03 April 2011) to serve additional duty as parliamentarian.

Section 4

a. The awarding of national meetings will be based on a rotating, regional assignment. The State Representatives, Chapter Commanders and Regional Representative of the affected region will determine where the national meeting will be held for the specified time period in accordance with Annex A to these bylaws.

b. In the event a region chooses not to host, they will drop to the end of the rotation and the next region in order will become eligible to host.

c. When a region hosts a national meeting, they will drop to the bottom of the rotation list.

Section 5

The NBOD shall submit to the membership an agenda for the National Meeting no later than thirty 30 days prior to the National Meeting. This shall include the day/time for meetings of Chapter Commanders, State Reps, Regional Reps, Auxiliary, Delegates, General Membership, and any other meeting that may be scheduled during the National Meeting.

ARTICLE 8: DELEGATIONS

Delegations will be appointed by the Chapter Commander (Amended 03 April 2011) but are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, to represent the association at any convention, meeting, rally, or other assembly that may be deemed necessary, and all delegations are authorized to exercise only those powers specifically vested in them by the Board of Directors.



ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Amendments, when ratified by three fourths of the members present at a regular scheduled Chapter (Amended 03 April 2011) meeting, take effect immediately.

Section 2: Bylaws Amendment procedure:

a. When any chapter or member at large desires to seek a national vote to change the bylaws of this association, they must complete the "BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSAL" and submit through the State Rep to the Bylaws Committee. Bylaw change proposal form located in ANNEX B "Bylaws Forms"

b. Timeline for Amendment Procedure:

c. July 1 thru October 31:

All proposals must be submitted using the bylaws change proposal form.

Full Members submit their bylaws change proposals to their local chapter for discussion and review. Members-at-Large (those in states without chapters) will submit individual proposals to their respective State Reps.

During this time frame, local chapters discuss the proposal(s) and decide whether to support the change or not.

If the proposal is supported by the chapter membership, the proposal is signed by the chapter commander and submitted to the State Rep before November 1st .

d. November 1 thru November 15:

State Reps review completed proposals.

Sign off on the proposals that are correct to form.

Proposals are sent to the Bylaws Committee by November 15th .

e. November 16 thru February 28: Bylaws Committee.

f. March 1 – 15:

National Secretary will communicate the Bylaws Committee submission to the rest of the NBOD, and assign the proposals a place on the next scheduled national meeting agenda.

Send the agenda's bylaw change proposals to the State Reps and Chapter commanders.

g. March 16 to National Meeting:

Chapters will circulate bylaw change proposals to FMs and schedule meetings for a determination of membership support for the proposals.

State Reps will circulate the proposals to the members-at-large.

Chapters will report the results of the chapter voting to the state reps.

State reps will translate the results of the voting into delegate voting based on membership in the chapters.

State reps will indicate to the national secretary who the delegates and alternates are prior to the national meeting.

Section 3: Bylaws Committee

a. Members of the Bylaws Committee consist of the Regional Representatives and five (5) Full members appointed by the National President.

b. Responsibilities:

1. Receive, review, correct, clarify, and consolidate bylaw change proposals.

a. Shall arrange proposals in order according to Article, Section, and Subsection.

b. Shall check proposals for conflicts with CVMA principles, language, grammar, alignment with the proper By-Law article/section/subsection, and redundancy.

c. When necessary, discuss with the proposal's Point-of-Contact such areas needing clarity, intent, consolidation with other proposals, etc.

d. When more than 20 proposals qualify to form, reduce the number to the 20 most supported or useful proposals.

e. Provide such comments as the Committee believes useful for the membership. Such comments shall be attached to the proposal as "Bylaws Committee Comments" and can be in support, recommending disapproval or no comment and a reason for the position taken.

f. All proposals denied, postponed, consolidated or changed will require such decision to be communicated to the Point-of-Contact for the proposal.

g. Submit the 20 or fewer qualifying proposals to the National Secretary for inclusion in the Agenda for the next National Meeting.

2. Grammatical, term, redundancy, and clarification revisions to the Bylaws.

c. Proposals for amendments to bylaws may be submitted to the general membership meeting for consideration for a maximum of two consecutive years. If the proposal is denied for two consecutive National meetings, it shall not be placed on the agenda again unless one of the following criteria is met:

A two year time limit has elapsed.

The National BOD approves the item for placement on the agenda.

Section 4 Delegates

a) State Representative will have one delegate vote. b) Chapters will have delegate votes based on chapter membership. c) One delegate vote per 15 full members. d) Delegates' counts will be by Chapter Not State. e) Delegate votes will be used for National Bylaws Amendments. f) Delegates must be present at the National Meeting to vote.



ARTICLE 10: STATE CHAPTERS

Section 1 State chapters require a minimum of 15 members.

Section 2 Initial State chapters are based on when they were recognized; KY being chapter one, MA chapter two, etc. Subsequent chapters within the same state shall be numbered in accordance to their initial recognition as a full chapter within that state. Example Kentucky Chapter is KY Chapter 1-1; the next full chapter will be KY Chapter 1-2.

Section 3 Chapters should not be located closer than a 1-hour ride from a previously established Chapter within the same state unless approved by the State Rep and/or National BOD.

Section 4 The Chapter members will elect all Chapter Officers. The State Representative would be over the Chapter Commander.

Section 5 Chapter Commanders within the state are considered to be equal in "rank" regardless of chapter recognition dates.

Section 6 Detachments are sponsored by and accountable to a state chapter.

a) The Detachment members will elect the Detachment Commander. b) State Chapter Commander is over the Detachment Commander. c) Detachments require a minimum of 8 members. d) Detachments may apply for Chapter status provided they meet Chapter guidelines. (See Article 10 sections 1-5).

Section 7 Every chapter at a minimum needs to be incorporated. Each chapter that has their own runs and checking account will stand as an individual entity and will be responsible for their own audit. Each chapter or sub chapter, at their discretion can apply for tax exempt 501 c status and will submit a yearly report to their State Representative. The State Representative will in turn submit a financial statement to the National Treasurer. The report is due following close of the business year and not later than 15 Feb. Report needs to include an itemized list of any donations made to eligible groups (example Veterans homes) and any monies raised from chapter sponsored events and all donations received from sources outside CVMA. A detailed of expenses for chapter operation are to be included as well.

Section 8 The BOD has is the final authority in disbanding a chapter or dismissing a chapter member. The BOD has the authority to assemble an investigative committee to investigate any incidents involving either a chapter or chapter member.

ANNEX A (see reference in Article 7, Section 4)

2013 -Region 7, South Dakota 2014 -Region 3, Gettysburg PA 2015 -Region 6 2016 -Region 4 2017 -Region 9 2018 -Region 5 2019 -Region 10 2020 -Region 1 2021 – Region 8 2022 – Region 2 ANNEX B (see reference in Article 9 Section 2



COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM INSTRUCTIONS

When any chapter or member at large desires to seek a national vote to change the bylaws of this association, they must complete the "BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM" and submit through the State Rep to the Bylaws Committee.

The proposal shall include the following:

Name and number of State, and proponent name and number proposing the change.

The point-of-contact person who will address questions concerning proposal.

Email address for the point-of-contact listed in #2.

Phone number of the point-of-contact.

Check if proposal is to amend or delete an existing portion of current bylaws of the Association, or add a new article/section/subsection to existing bylaws.

Specify which Article, Section and Subsection is being amended, deleted, or added.

Specify the Article, Section and/or Subsection affected by proposal as currently written according to the latest updated version of the National By-Laws.

Print the proposed wording as it is to be considered. All text to be deleted shall be shown by means of strikethrough, e.g. must be 5'6" tall. Added text should be shown underlined, e.g. motorcycle make isn't relevant.

Print a clear and simple reason/justification as to why the proposal is needed and should be considered by the national membership for adoption. Use additional sheet(s) if necessary to fully explain.

Chapter Commander will sign off that proposal has been presented, discussed and approved by the Chapter submitting.

State Rep will sign off that proposal has been presented, discussed and meets the criteria to submit to the Bylaws Committee.

The Bylaws Committee will communicate with the point-of-contact if clarification is necessary on the change or intent of the change. They may choose to consolidate different proposals, postpone or reject a proposal but they must record their action and in a report to the NBOD and the membership at the following national meeting, indicate how many proposals were considered, consolidated, postponed and/or rejected. If a proposal is rejected or returned to the proponent, an explanation of committee action will accompany the response.

The CVMA National Secretary will document the vote tally, if proposal is approved or fails, and date of vote.



COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSAL



Submitter (Name of Full Member, Chapter #) :	Contact Person:
Email Address:	Contact Telephone #
Change the bylaws does the following:	Indicate Article(s), Sections and Subsections:
<input type="checkbox"/> Amend <input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Delete	Article <input type="text"/> Section <input type="text"/> Subsection <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Changes shown here <input type="checkbox"/> See attached	
<div style="text-align: center; opacity: 0.3; font-size: 100px;"> </div>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Justification for change shown here <input type="checkbox"/> See attached	
Chapter Endorsement: Chapter # <input style="width: 100px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	By Chapter Officer: Indicate name & position <input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>
State Rep. Name & Signature: 	
BYLAWS COMMITTEE ACTION: FORWARD ___ TABLE ___ RETURN ___	
MEMBERSHIP ACTION: APPROVE: ___ DISAPPROVE: ___	