



Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association®

CVMA® 27-1

Distinguished Rider Program

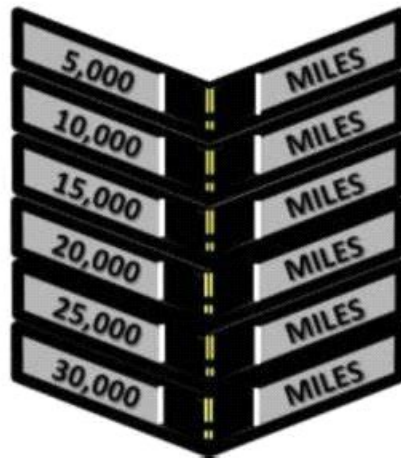
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Purpose: The Distinguished Rider Program (DRP) has been developed to serve two important functions. The first of these is to serve as an incentive program to encourage CVMA® members to participate in chapter rides and events. Secondly, the DRP serves an important role in rewarding and recognizing those CVMA® riders and passengers 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.

Patch: The Distinguished Rider patch is in the shape of a 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 to the completion of 2500 miles ridden.



Chevrons: 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 and so on at 5,000-mile increments.



Definitions:

CVMA® ride/ event: Any ride or event sponsored by a CMVA® Chapter where members can swipe their CVMA® membership card for attendance, or account for attendance some other way. Examples include but not limited: to Chapter meetings, including other Chapters, sanctioned events, state/ region/ national rally or meeting, or state Chapter officer meeting.

Chapter level ride: Any ride posted to Google group with 24-hour notice including a link up location and has 3 or more patched members in attendance. Examples include but not limited to: riding to Outer Banks or other location to break bread with brothers and sisters, route recon for annual ride, or a MC/ RC/ other organization poker run or other type of ride supporting a cause other than Veterans.

Chapter Sponsored event: Any event posted to Google group with 24-hour notice and has 3 or more patched members in attendance. Examples include but not limited to: RED Fridays, Taco Tuesdays, CVMA®/ MC/ RC bike nights, other Chapter social events.

Veteran ride/ event: Any ride/ event with the sole purpose of supporting Veteran causes. Examples include but not limited Veteran MC/RC rides/ events, PGR missions, Wreaths across

America, Extortion 17 Memorial Ride or other event put on by an organization with the sole purpose of helping Veterans.

DRP Guidelines

- **Eligibility**

- The patch and chevrons may be awarded to any Chapter member who is a:
 - Motorcycle Rider.
 - Motorcycle Passenger.
 - Driver of designated Chapter ride support vehicle.
 - Medically retired or disabled member who is unable to ride a motorcycle.
 - Driver of vehicle that participates and attends a Chapter sponsored event. *
 - **Note: While all members are eligible to claim miles for driving to an event, this eligibility is intended for members who are unable to ride a motorcycle due to the need to bring small children, food, or other items, such as the Quartermaster store or supplies, to an event.*

- **Allowable Mileage**

- The mileage is earned and accumulated from:
 - CVMA® ride or event. *
 - Chapter level rides or events. *
 - Riding to and from Chapter sponsored event.
 - Riding to and from Veteran event.
 - **Note: In and around mileage at meetings, rallies, poker runs/ other rides will only be counted if 3 or more patched members complete the ride.*

- Mileage is calculated via from home of record to the event and back to home of record. Mileage is calculated from the odometer of the motorcycle that was ridden. Google maps, Waze, MapQuest or other direction finders may be used to verify mileage.
- Requests for DRP mileage not explicitly meeting the qualifying terms above must be presented to the DRP Manager and Chapter XO. Chapter XO will determine exceptions to DRP mileage eligibility, or as required, will escalate to CEB for adjudication.
- Members must send the DRP manager their accrued miles after an eligible ride so they can be documented on the Chapter DRP log. This can be done by a direct email or by sending a return to base (RTB) message to the CVMA® 27-1 Google Group and include eligible miles ridden.
- **Log**
 - The Chapter Executive Officer or the DRP Manager will maintain a mileage log and update the accumulated mileage totals as necessary. DRP Manager will post updated DRP mileage log prior to the monthly Chapter meeting each month on the Chapter google groups page. Members are encouraged to maintain a log of their DRP qualifying miles, but still must send the DRP manager a message after each ride so they can be tracked by the Chapter DRP manager.
- **Patches and Chevrons**
 - CVMA® Chapter 23-6 is the sole owner of the DRP patch and chevron design. All requests for DRP patches and chevrons will be sent to Chapter 23-6 for purchase and issue. The initial DRP patch will be purchased by the Chapter and presented to the Chapter member by the BOD. The accumulation chevrons will be the members responsibility to purchase after the BOD has approved the mileage ridden.
- **Breakdowns**
 - If a breakdown occurs that renders the motorcycle inoperable while traveling to, from or during an event and it becomes necessary to trailer the bike to a maintenance facility or to the rider's residence, those miles ridden on the bike up to the malfunction will be honored for DRP miles.
- **Disqualification from Program Participation**
 - As stated above, the purpose of the program is participation and camaraderie. This is not a race or battle to win the most mileage tabs. Any member who quarrels, causes discontent or discord within the Chapter as a result of any item covered in this program shall, at the discretion of the Chapter BOD, lose their privilege to participate in the program.

- **Program Management and Administration**

- The Distinguished Rider Program Manager is appointed by the CEB. The program manager is tasked with the daily management and administration of the program. The DRP manager will keep the CEB informed of any items or issues concerning the program. The DRP guidelines are subject to change without notice, with input from the DRP Manager and Chapter membership. Final approval and implementation rests with the CEB. CVMA® 27-1 membership will vote on any issue concerning the program involving the expenditure of funds. As stated above, the initial DRP Patch will be purchased using Chapter funds for presentation to a qualifying member.