NABSTMC Montgomery, AL Chapter....

Is a nonprofit organization of professional men and women that are dedicated to the sport of motorcycle riding and safety. We ride our motorcycles (Iron Horses) to represent the horses that were ridden by the Buffalo Soldiers during the 1800's.

Our objective is to educate those that are unfamiliar with the racism, sacrifices and hardships that the Buffalo Soldiers of the 9th and 10th U.S. Cavalries had to endure. We feel by doing this the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers of the past will live on forever and shall not be forgotten.

Our vision is to instill this knowledge into the minds and hearts of our youth of today so that we can motivate them to become better citizens today and effective leaders of tomorrow.

We are contributors in our local communities and throughout the Southeastern Frontier by supporting charitable needs and educating others, especially our youth.

Our efforts are pursued in regards to the large sacrifices that were made by not only the Buffalo Soldiers but other African and Native Americans during the pre and post-civil war periods.

We believe that these are the core values needed to help instill self-respect and pride in today's youth.

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National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club – (NABSTMC)Membership Eligibility & Requirements



NABSTMC MONTGOMERY, AL CHAPTER

WE ARE NOT A 1% CLUB AND WE CLAIM NO TERRITORY; HOWEVER, WE TAKE OUR CLUB AND OUR MEMBERSHIP SERIOUSLY.

Full Member

- Must be legally licensed to operate motorcycle;
- Must own an insured road-worthy motorcycle of at least 750CCs;
- The required articles of uniform to be obtained within 6 months of receiving Full Member status:
 - 1 Yellow, White, and Red, Long Sleeve T-shirt
 - 1 White and Yellow Button-down Collar Dress Shirt
 - 1 Pair Blue and Black Jeans
 - 1 Stetson Style Black Hat

Associate Member

- Associate membership should be welcomed and personnel in this category should be encouraged to train for their motorcycle license and to eventually become a Full Member.
- Membership is available to all "significant others", to include wives, husbands, girlfriends, boyfriends, relatives, or just friends of the chapter who for whatever reason are not eligible for "Full Membership" status but want to play a role in the chapter's mission.
- Owning a motorcycle is not a requirement
- The required articles of uniform to be obtained within 6 months of receiving Associate Member status:
 - 1 Yellow, White, and Red, Long Sleeve T-shirt
 - 1 White and Yellow Button-down Collar Dress Shirt
 - 1 Pair Blue and Black Jeans
 - 1 Stetson Style Black Hat

The Buffalo Soldier Creed

I am a Buffalo Soldier, and as a Buffalo Soldier,

I will uphold the standards and traditions set forth by my Chapter and

the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Clubs.

I am proud of my colors and the rich history that they represent.

I will wear my colors with pride and will do all within my power

to educate the general public about the rich history of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers.

I respect my colors and my Buffalo Soldiers sisters and

brothers. And when my riding days come to an end, I wish to be

remembered as one who served with dignity as a responsible biker

and a proud buffalo Soldier.

The "Probie" Will:

A. Communicate regularly with their Sponsor, discussing any absences or concerns. B. Be expected to answer impromptu questions from Chapter members related to Buffalo Soldier History, National Bylaws & Chapter SOP. C. NEVER be seen without the Probie Buffalo. Being seen without the Buffalo will result in loss of 100 miles. D. Losing the Buffalo will result in starting over of the Probationary Period and require the Probie to purchase another Buffalo. E. Attend all monthly club meetings. The first (1st) absence will automatically extend the Probationary Period an additional month. F. Must participate in scheduled BSMC rides and events. G. Obtain required articles of clothing: One (1) black vest, one (1) plain long-sleeve white shirt, one (1) plain long sleeve yellow shirt, one (1) pair black jeans and one (1) pair blue jeans. Purchase of NABSTMC promotional clothing will be at the Probie's discretion. No articles with NABSTMC colors on back may be worn during the Probie period.

Completing the Probationary Period:

Completing the Probationary Period: Top and bottom rockers are issued after the "Probie" has completed the following: 1. Educational presentation of the History of the Buffalo Soldiers (Full & Associate) 2. Recorded 1500 miles of approved motorcycle travel (Full) B. Successful completion of the Probationary Period can be considered after the Probie, has completed: 1. Co-chair, with Sponsor, a Fundraising Event/Community Project (Full & Associate). 2. Recorded total 2500 approved motorcycle miles (Full) C. 100% vote by the present membership is required for Full/Associate membership approval". D. The President will present member's vest with "Center Man" sewn on, during a regular club meeting or NABSTMC MC event.

Kenneth "Dream" Thomas

Founder



Believing that it was time to establish a modern progressive motorcycle club whose focus was to promote a positive image among African Americans that would be respected in the community and throughout the country, Thomas founded the **Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club** of Chicago in October 1993. The name Buffalo Soldiers was initially selected to pay homage to and ensure the legacy of **African American military** contributions in the post-Civil War era. Under the leadership of Ken Thomas, the new club was chartered as the Buffalo **Troopers Motorcycle Club of** Chicago.

One Club, One Patch, One Mindset!

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All candidates (Full and Associate) will participate in a "Hang-Around Period" followed by completion of the Probationary Program. 11.2. LOCATION OF RESIDENCY: Members of a prospective new chapter or, an existing chapter, must reside within the city or the mailing zip code where their chapter exists.

To be approved to become a "Hang Around", the individual must meet with the President/Vice President. No applications / letters will be accepted during this period. The Vice President will introduce the individual at next regularly scheduled meeting, noting the start of the "Hang Around" period. The individual must provide proof of insurance to the Road Captain as well as discuss their riding history and review safe riding practices before being allowed to ride with the Chapter.

After completion of the "Hang Around Period"

Candidates for Probationary membership (Full or Associate) shall submit an application requesting membership as a Full or Associate member. All documents are to be forwarded thru the Secretary to the Vice President. Included with the application should be: 1. A letter of intent from the candidate stating why they believe they would be of good benefit to the NABSMC MA.

2. A letter of recommendation from a Full Patch member with personal knowledge of the Candidate or a personal reference letter stating why the Candidate would be of good benefit to the NABSMC MA. 3. Associate-to-Full Candidate will only submit a letter of intent (see number "1.").

Probationary Member Status

The Vice President (at the monthly meeting) shall announce the Candidate's intent to advance to Probationary Member status. 1. Application/letters will be read by the Candidate. 2. Chapter members are encouraged to question the Candidate. 3. The Chapter membership shall vote on accepting Candidate (100% required). 4. If accepted, the Candidate will pay the appropriate fee to the Treasurer. 5. The Vice President shall provide the Candidate with the "Probie Buffalo", a copy of the National Bylaws & Local SOP.

Administrative Fees for Probates are due upon acceptance of probation status.



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