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PREAMBLE

The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA), North Carolina (NC) chapter 15-8, Inc. publishes and declares the following to be the bylaws governing said chapter. We are not, nor do we claim to be, a motorcycle club nor do we have “colors”. We do not claim any geographic area as our own except our GREAT NATION that we have fought for and so many of our friends have died for. We ride with peaceful intentions and for the joy and freedom of riding. We wear veterans related insignia only. Our primary nonprofit function is to help fellow veterans, either directly or indirectly, by organizing fund raising activities and to donate to veterans related organizations and needy individual veterans and their families.

ARTICLE 1 - NAME and EMBLEM

Section 1.1 Name

The name of this association is CVMA, NC Chapter 15-8, Inc. hereinafter referred to as CVMA 15-8, the chapter or 15-8. Because an incorporation, or corporation, requires a board of directors to act as the governing body to ensure the organization operates within the guidelines for a non-profit organization, hereinafter “corporation” will be referred to as CVMA 15-8, the chapter or 15-8 and the corporation’s board of directors will be referred to as the Chapter Executive Board, or CEB (see Article 6), or the board.

Section 1.2 Emblem and Logo

We wear an emblem/logo authorized by the bylaws of the national CVMA. We do not wear colors. The description and the meaning of our emblem/logo is found in the national bylaws of the CVMA. They are available for viewing on the CVMA national website and they may be changed periodically by action of the National Board of Directors (NBOD). At such time the national bylaws are so changed, the chapter secretary need only substitute the amended national bylaws to this document.

Section 1.3 Principle Office

The principle office of CVMA 15-8 shall be located at an address designated by the CEB and shall be found in addendum 1 of these bylaws. A change of the chapter’s principle office location need only be made on said addendum and signed by the chapter secretary. All chapter members shall be notified by email of the change of address. The chapter secretary is required to notify a change of address to the Internal Revenue Service, the NC secretary of state’s office, and the CVMA national secretary.

Section 1.4 Other Offices

CVMA 15-8 may have other offices in or out of NC for the operation of business, wherever it is qualified to do business, as its business and activities may require and as the CEB may designate.

ARTICLE 2 - NON-PROFIT PURPOSES

CVMA 15-8 is an organization exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes as specified in Section 501[c] of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and more specifically under subsection (19). It is our purpose to make distributions of funds to organizations that qualify for tax exempt under IRC, Section 501[c] or to other non-for-profit organizations whose primary purposes are to assist veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States (AFUS) and their families and to individual veterans who are in need.

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Section 2.1 Veteran Awareness

We want to raise awareness of the challenges that face some of our Brethren and their families upon a veteran's return home from combat theaters including an awareness of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), homelessness among unemployed Veterans, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and other invisible factors that can affect a veteran's return to the civilian world. We want to accomplish our goals by operating various charitable activities with the sport of motorcycles riding and veteran related activities including benefit rides, barbeque picnics and patriotic functions, such as parades and visits to Veterans homes and facilities. Our goal is to promote the sense of camaraderie not only within chapter 15-8 but also with our sister chapters in NC and throughout the nation. We want to carry this camaraderie over to other veterans' organizations and assist where possible in helping them meet their goals of helping veterans.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.1 Membership Classes

There are three classes of membership in the CVMA:

Full Member (FM): A veteran of any AFUS branch who served in a DoD designated combat theater.

Auxiliary Member (AM): A spouse, widow, or widower of a FM of CVMA.

Support Member (SM): A veteran of any AFUS branch but not deployed to a DoD designated combat theater.

Section 3.2 Non-Discrimination

Just as we served in the military with people from all walks of life, our ranks are open to ALL veterans who meet membership qualifications as set forth for each membership class in the CVMA national bylaws.

Section 3.3 Membership Requirements

The requirements and documentation needed to join CVMA are found in the CVMA national bylaws.

Section 3.4 Attendance and Events

Each member should strive to attend all chapter sponsored/supported events and all chapter meetings. This is also true of events sponsored by other CVMA chapters in NC and elsewhere. ***Each member must attend at least one (1) CVMA hosted/sponsored event each year in order to remain in "good standing"***. This can also be a CVMA hosted/sponsored event in another state if prior approval is obtained by the State Representative (SR) from the governing body of the CVMA.

Section 3.5 Conduct

All members are required to conduct themselves in a manner that will not bring shame or embarrassment themselves or any other member he/she may be associating with, nor to CVMA 15-8 or to the national organization or the Veteran community at large. Any member, either solo or in consortium with other members will adhere to CVMA national Protocol 101 when dealing with members of Motorcycle Clubs (MCs). Failure to do so can bring repercussions against the member(s), CVMA 15-8 and the national organization. ALL MEMBERS shall read and understand CVMA national Protocol 101 to ensure we all ride safely.

Section 3.6 Voting Rights

A) A FM in "good standing" may cast a vote at any chapter meeting on any issue brought before the chapter in regards to chapter business or election of officers. Likewise, each FM has the right to cast one vote on issues properly presented to the CVMA NBOD at each annual meeting. The member must present to vote. A FM deployed on active military duty may cast one vote in chapter officer elections via email to the secretary.

B) A SM in "good standing" with six months of membership can vote on some local chapter business but may **NOT** for officer elections or on bylaws.

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C) An AM in “good standing” may only vote on auxiliary business. An AM may **NOT** vote for officer elections or appointed positions or on bylaws.

Section 3.7 Membership Registration / Termination

Any member may resign by filing a written resignation to the chapter secretary. Resignation shall not relieve a member of the obligation for unpaid dues and other charges previously accrued. The resigning member is required to relinquish all CVMA property including their back patch(s) prior to the next meeting. A member who fails to properly resign or who is terminated forfeits all CVMA items. The sergeant-at-arms will be tasked with collecting the items and returning them to the Chapter Commander (CC).

Section 3.8 Discharge Requirements

Only veterans with honorable and general discharges from the AFUS shall be members of chapter 15-8.

ARTICLE 4 - MEETINGS and QUORUM

Section 4.1 Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings are held monthly at a time/place designated by the CC or determined by the officers.

Section 4.2 Annual Chapter Meeting

An annual chapter meeting shall take place with the specific date, time and place as determined by the CC. The date should be more than one week prior to the NC CVMA state meeting to allow for chapter member issues/concerns to be present at the state meeting. During the annual chapter meeting, members shall elect officers, receive records of chapter activities and determine the chapter’s direction for the upcoming year.

Section 4.3 Special Meeting

Special meetings may be called by either the CC, a simple majority of the elected officers or by a petition signed by 10% of the voting members.

Section 4.4 Notice of Meeting

Notice of all regular meeting shall be attempted to be given to each member either by face-to-face, telephone call, text or email not less than two weeks prior to the meeting. Notice of a special meeting shall be attempted to be given to each member either by face-to-face, telephone call, text or email not less than one week prior to the meeting. The subject of the special meeting shall be presented in the notice.

Section 4.5 Quorum for a Regular Meeting

Twenty percent (20%) of the full members of the chapter must be present at a noticed and announced meeting in order to constitute a quorum. The chapter cannot do business without a quorum present.

Section 4.6 Robert’s Rules of Order

In conducting a meeting, the presiding officer may consult Robert’s Rules of Order, or Robert’s Rules, to determine the best way of dealing with motions, seconds and voting along with the protocol of overseeing discussions before the general membership. The presiding officer will only use Robert’s Rules as a guide for conducting business and not lose sight that the meetings are called to undertake chapter business; not turn the meeting into a parliamentary discussion of the finer points of Robert’s Rules.

Section 4.7 Majority Vote

Any business brought before the chapter will be decided by a simple majority of those present in which a vote takes place. To ratify a new set of bylaws or to modify the existing bylaws, procedures set forth in Article 15, Section 2 of these bylaws must be followed.

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Section 4.8 Member's Right to Vote

Each FM in "good standing" will have one vote on each issue presented for consideration. The member must be personally present in order to cast a vote. There is no proxy voting except as provided in Article 3, Section 3.6 of these bylaws. Support and auxiliary members follow the same procedure on the issues that they are allowed to vote on.

Officer elections, personnel issues and bylaw article revisions are voted on by paper ballot. The CC has the final say on other issues that will be voted on by paper ballot. All paper ballots will be collected by the SAA for counting by the secretary and executive officer. All open voting will be by 'show-of-hands' rather than voice vote in order to ensure that a definite plurality exists. Any officer or member may call for a recount if the "Hand "vote count is within three votes.

Section 4.9 "Open" vs. "Closed" Meeting

Under most circumstances the general business meetings of the chapter will be "Open" meetings. All three classes of members are permitted to attend. With the CC's permission, outside guests and potential members are permitted.

Meetings will be "Closed" when confidential business is to be discussed, bylaws are being discussed and voted upon, when chapter elections are held, when personnel issues are being discussed or directives are passed down from the SR or the NBOD are being discussed or voted upon. Only those classes of members with a right to vote on the issues or have a need-to-know have a right to be in attendance. The CC will have the final say on whether a meeting is "Open" or "Closed".

ARTICLE 5 - INITIATION FEES and DUES

Section 5.1 Member Dues

CVMA membership dues are established by the NBOD and are found in the national bylaws. In accordance with the national bylaws all dues paid to national go directly to the national organization.

Section 5.2 Chapter Dues

Chapter membership dues are prescribed by the CEB and approved by the general membership. They shall not exceed the amount authorized by the national bylaws.

Section 5.3 Dues Deadlines

The deadline for paying national dues is June 30 of each calendar year (no grace period). Failure to pay dues by the deadlines set out above will result in termination of membership. The members will have to reapply for membership through the CVMA.

If chapter due are prescribed, the deadline for paying chapter dues is June 30 of each calendar year.

ARTICLE 6 - CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD (CEB)

Section 6.1 CEB Designated

The Chapter Executive Board (CEB) are the elected officers holding the positions of: commander, executive officer, secretary, treasurer, and sergeant-at-arms. The CEB is responsible for the execution of the authorized policies voted upon by majority by the members; the CEB is responsible for reporting misconduct or bad conduct as well as the action taken to the NC SR and/or the regional representative and/or the NBOD for their review as per the code of conduct and national bylaws. The CEB also comprises the corporation's board of directors as discussed in Article 1.

ARTICLE 7 - CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section 7.1 Chapter Officers

The elected officers of the chapter are: commander, executive officer, secretary, treasurer and sergeant at arms. The appointed officers of the chapter are: public relations officer, road captain, chaplain, webmaster and quartermaster. The CEB may designate additional appointed positions, as needed, with a simple majority vote. Auxiliary members may elect a liaison to act as the leader and co-coordinator of the auxiliary's activities and to act as a liaison between its members and the CC. The auxiliary liaison, with the approval of the CC, shall appoint such people as are necessary to carry out the auxiliary's activities.

Section 7.2 Officer Qualifications

Elected officers of the chapter must be qualified for membership and free from any restrictions within NC during their term in office. They must be free of any sanctions imposed under the code of conduct.

A) All FMs of the chapter in "good standing" with a minimum of six months in the CVMA are eligible to hold any elected officer position in CVMA 15-8.

B) All chapter members in "good standing" with a minimum of six months in the CVMA are eligible for any appointed office in CVMA 15-8.

Section 7.3 Indemnification of Officers

In the event a legal action, audit or any other claim is brought against the chapter or its officers, the chapter shall hold harmless and indemnify the officer(s) for professional fees or tangential expenses incurred in the defense of such action, claim or audit and any fines or damages resulting from said action, claim or audit. Fines, expenses or damages are to be reimbursed from funds of the chapter and not from individual members.

ARTICLE 8 - ELECTIONS

Section 8.1 Nominations

Nominees for any office must be an active and a paid-in-full member in "good standing" with six months chapter membership prior to the election meeting. Nominations to fill open offices will be made and seconded by either oral presentation at a meeting held no more than two months before the chapter's annual meeting or by e-mail forwarded to all chapter members no less than fourteen days before the annual meeting. The nominee shall, within one week of being nominated, accept or negate his/ her nomination.

Section 8.2 Office Restrictions

No officer will hold more than one elected office at a time but may hold one elective and one or more appointed offices. Officers elected or appointed at the chapter level are not eligible to hold office at the state level concurrently with their chapter position.

Section 8.3 Officers to Remain Active

All officers whether elected or appointed, must remain active members in the chapter in "good standing" and without pending sanctions for the duration of the term while in office.

Section 8.4 Term of Office

Officers are elected at the annual meeting. Elected officers will serve a term of 24 months and consecutive terms are permitted. In order to maintain chapter continuity so the entire CEB does not turn over at the same time, elections in odd numbered calendar years will be for the CC and secretary positions and elections in even numbered calendar years will be for XO, treasurer and SAA positions. All appointed positions will be appointed by the CC annually. Newly elected officers will take office upon expiration of the prescribed term of the incumbent.

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Section 8.5 Resignation / Disqualification

Should an elected officer resign or be sanctioned by the CEB, the CC will appoint a replacement to fill the position until a special election meeting can be convened. Such meeting shall be convened within two months of the vacancy. Should an appointed officer resign or be sanctioned by the CEB, the CC will appoint a new officer to the vacated position to fill out the term.

ARTICLE 9 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 9.1 Chapter Commander (Elected by Full Members)

The Chapter Commander (CC) is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the chapter/corporation. All matters between the chapter and outside person(s) or organizations should be routed to the CC. The CC presides over all chapter meetings; acts as an ex-officio member of all committees; calls for regular and special meetings; schedules the annual election and ensures they are held in accordance with these bylaws and carries out the directives of the chapter members, the CEB, the NC SR and the NBOD. The XO, secretary, treasurer and the sergeant-at-arms are accountable to the CC.

Section 9.2 Executive Officer (Elected by Full Members)

The Executive Officer (XO) shall coordinate all committees and supervise plans for all chapter events. The XO acts as an intermediary between the CC and chapter members. Additionally, the XO is second-in-command to the CC and shall assume all responsibilities and duties in the CC's absence.

Section 9.3 Secretary (Elected by Full Members)

The secretary is the chapter's record keeper. He/she takes, keeps and publishes the correct minutes of all meetings including the general membership and CEB meetings. He/she composes and files all reports to government agencies that the chapter deals with. He/she keeps membership lists, members directory, copies of all correspondence between the chapter and outside persons or entities, committee and delegation appointments, Robert's Rules and the bylaws. The secretary prepares and submits membership applications to the NC SR.

Section 9.4 Treasurer (Elected by Full Members)

The treasurer keeps correct financial books and records of the chapter and maintains an accounting of all funds of the chapter. He/she disburses funds to pay expenses as prescribed in the bylaws. The treasurer collects chapter dues and other forms of income due to the chapter, maintains the accounting books, makes payments from chapter funds when so ordered by the CC, signs all chapter checks and ensure those so required are countersigned by the CC. He/she also makes regular reports of the chapter's financial status to officers, general membership, national and state required by law or for tax-exempt status. The treasurer, working in conjunction with the secretary, prepares any documents needed for submission to any federal or state government entity.

Section 9.5 Sergeant-At-Arms (Elected by Full Members)

The Sergeant-At-Arms (SAA) enforces bylaws, chapter standing rules and insures orders of the officers are carried out in an expeditious manner. He/she polices and keeps order at chapter meetings and events. The SAA ensures the safety and security of the chapter. The SAA check member's identification cards when necessary before each meeting. With the permission of the CC or senior officer present, the SAA may appoint temporary deputies as needed to carry out his/her functions. The SAA enforces sanctions against a member as ordered by the CEB. He/she undertakes any other duties prescribed by the CC.

Section 9.6 Road Captain (Appointed by Chapter Commander)

The Road Captain (RC) organizes, researches, plans, and chapter rides. During actual road time and at intermediate stops, acts as ranking officer, deferring only to the CC or XO. The CC may appoint an alternate RC as needed.

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Section 9.7 Public Relations Officer (Appointed by Chapter Commander)

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) maintains files and has them ready at each meeting and all chapter functions. He/she is in charge of chapter publicity in conjunction with chapter events as approved by the CC. Other duties include historian, maintaining chapter event files, the taking of and preservation of photographs, submission of newspaper articles, TV and radio announcements. The PRO coordinates all external information releases through the chapter's officers prior to release. The PRO's focus is to increase awareness of the chapter's purpose and its fund-raising events, as well as to garner support from the community. The PRO reports directly to the CC and chapter elected officers.

Section 9.8 Quartermaster (Appointed by Chapter Commander)

The Quartermaster (QM) acquires CVMA logo merchandise and other appropriate merchandise or awards and plaques from vendors and the national QM for distribution and sale to chapter members. As related to these duties, the QM keeps complete books and provides financial status to the chapter officers, particularly the chapter treasurer, and general membership at monthly meetings.

Section 9.9 Chaplain (Appointed by Chapter Commander)

The chaplain is responsible to the CC. The chaplain maintains the awareness of welfare within the chapter. The chaplain is a moral compass for the chapter and a respected confidant.

Section 9.10 Webmaster (Appointed by Chapter Commander)

The webmaster maintains the chapter's website, Facebook page and other forms of social media outlets. The webmaster works with the CEB and the PRO to ensure postings are up-to-date. He/she undertakes other IT related duties prescribed by the CEB.

Section 9.11 Malfeasance / Misfeasance of Office

Negligent or willful failure of any of the above listed officers to perform the duties specified for their position may result in removal of said officer from that position. The CEB shall have oversight over the specified officers and may take action that they deem necessary and appropriate in order to ensure the proper function of that office. Malfeasance of office may be met with sanctions. Misfeasance of office is subject to removal.

ARTICLE 10 - DELEGATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Section 10.1 Appointment of Delegations and Committees

The CC appoints delegates to represent the chapter at any convention, meeting, rally or other assembly that may be deemed necessary. All delegates are authorized to exercise only those specific duties vested in them by the chapter officers. The CC appoints such working committees necessary to carry out the chapter's business and to best enable the chapter to pursue its purpose of helping other veterans.

ARTICLE 11 - DETACHMENTS

Section 11.1 Detachments Subject to Chapter Authority

Any detachments authorized by CVMA 15-8 are sponsored by and are accountable to the chapter and are subject to these bylaws and the code of conduct appended hereto. Any such detachment must meet all of the requirements prescribed by the national bylaws. Detachments may elect their own officers. The detachment officers are subordinate to the chapter officers.

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ARTICLE 12 - EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS BY OFFICERS

Section 12.1 Execution of Documents Are Binding

The execution by a chapter officer of any instrument, certificate of the deposit, disbursement of funds, checks or contracts or any other instrument may be deemed by third parties to be legally binding upon the chapter. Any chapter member who executes such an instrument without the authority of these bylaws will be in violation of this section and will be construed as malfeasance and can be grounds for dismissal.

Section 12.2 Authority for Powers of Attorney

The CEB is authorized to draft and execute special power of attorney as necessary in order to appoint such attorney-in-fact or other agent to carry on the business of the chapter. The CEB grants only those specific powers necessary to fulfill the desired business needs.

Section 12.3 Authorized Signatory

Except as otherwise determined by resolution of officers, or by law, checks, drafts, promissory note, orders for payment of money and other evidence of indebtedness will be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the CC of the chapter.

Section 12.4 Deposit of Funds

Chapter funds and monies will be deposited to the credit of NC CVMA 15-8 Inc. into such banks, trust companies and or other depositories as the CEB designates. Any member may accept, on behalf of the chapter, any contribution, donation, gift, bequest or devise to be applied toward the chapter's non-profit purposes.

Section 12.5 Chapter Commander / XO May Expend Funds

The CC and XO are individually authorized to obligate up to two hundred and fifty (\$250) in order to assist the chapter in pursuing its aims. \$250 may not be exceeded until funds are posted, reconciled by the treasurer and approved by the general membership at the next posted meeting.

Section 12.6 Disbursement of Chapter Income

It is the chapter's intent that as much of its income as possible be disbursed in perpetuating its goal of "Vets Helping Vets". To this end, no chapter member shall receive a salary or wages or any other remuneration for services rendered to the chapter. All services are rendered on a volunteer basis. Expenses incurred by or on behalf of the chapter in furtherance of the chapter's goals may be reimbursed on a dollar-for-dollar basis. All reimbursable expenses will be witnessed by a receipt for the expenditure presented to the treasurer.

Section 12.7 Disbursement of Chapter Grants

The chapter will require any entity requesting a grant from the chapter to file a written request containing disclosure information to assure the chapter members that the funds granted are going to an entity that helps veterans or is an individual veteran in need. Further, that the distribution does not financially benefit a member, or relative of a member, of the chapter.

The chapter officers will assign a disinterested member to review the application and report back to the chapter membership on the veracity of the information in the written request.

ARTICLE 13 - INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (IRC) SECT. 501[c][19]

Section 13.1 IRC 501[c][19] Required Language

It is the intention of CVMA 15-8 to operate as a 501[c][19] tax-exempt corporation. As such, no substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be for propaganda or for otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on or on

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behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the bylaws, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by:

- A) A corporation exempt from federal income tax under sect. 501[c][19] of the IRC
- B) A corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 [C] [2] of the IRC.

Section 13.2 Net Earnings

No part of the net earnings of CVMA 15-8 shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers or other private person. All monies received will be applied to the nonprofit purposes of the corporation after expenses.

Section 13.3 Dissolution of the Corporation

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more tax exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501[c] of the IRC or shall be distributed to the federal, state or local government for a public purpose. This distribution shall be made in accordance with all applicable provisions of the laws of the state of NC.

Section 13.4 Tax Exempt Operations

In any taxable year in which the corporation may become a private foundation as described in Section 509 (a) of the IRC, the corporation:

- A) Shall distribute its income for said period and at such time and manner as to not subject the corporation to any tax liability under Section 4942 of the IRC.
- B) Shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941 (d) of the IRC.
- C) Shall not retain any excess business holdings as the defined in Section 4943 [c] of the IRC.
- D) Shall not make any investment in such a manner as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the IRC.
- E) Shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 of the IRC.

ARTICLE 14 - CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Section 14.1 Overview

This section is intended to protect the chapter's tax-exempt interests when contemplating entering into a transaction that might benefit the private interest of an officer. A member can only be compensated dollar for dollar for expenses he/she incurs during any transaction with the chapter. This section does not replace state / federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organization.

Section 14.2 Person of Interest

A person of interest is any officer with direct or indirect ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the chapter intends to enter into a transaction or compensation arrangement.

Section 14.3 Disclosure

If a possible conflict of interest exists, the interested person must disclose all material facts of the possible conflict to the CEB. The CEB then decides if a conflict of interest exists. Any voting member of the CEB who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the chapter for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining that member's compensation.

If a CEB member fails to disclose a conflict of interest, the CEB will determine what corrective action is needed and what, if any, disciplinary action is needed.

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ARTICLE 15 - AMENDMENTS AND CONFLICTS TO BYLAWS

Section 15.1 Procedure to Amend Bylaws

These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws adopted at any chapter meeting and then submitted for NBOD approval. Notice of a proposed bylaw change must be given one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted on. For a simple clarification of a section of the bylaws for an obvious typographical or grammatical mistake, the CEB, with a simple majority vote, may revise the offending language. The revision will be explained to the general membership at the next meeting.

Section 15.2 Voting

At any chapter meeting called to change, modify, adopt, amend or repeal a bylaw, a quorum of the FMs eligible to vote must be present. A bylaw issue must carry a two-thirds majority of the members voting. Any amendments to these bylaws that have been properly voted on and approved by the NBOD take effect immediately upon notification of approval.

Section 15.3 Conflict with CVMA National Bylaws

If any of these bylaws herein conflict with the CVMA national bylaws, the national bylaws will take precedence and the chapter's bylaws will be modified in order to comply with the national bylaws. Prior to modification the offending bylaw shall be held in abeyance.

Section 15.4 Conflict with IRC 501[c] Regulations

If these bylaws conflict with any federal and /or NC Domestic Nonprofit Veterans 501[c][19] provisions and/or statute, the conflicting bylaw will be revised by the CEB in order to remove the conflict and the revision shall take effect immediately. Pending revision, the offending article or section will be held in abeyance. These bylaws may not be amended in any way to jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the chapter.

ARTICLE 16 - CONSTRUCTION AND TERMS

Section 16.1 Articles of Incorporation Supersede Bylaws

If a conflict exists between these bylaws and the articles of incorporation, the articles of incorporation will supersede these bylaws. The bylaws will be amended in order to remove the conflict. All references will be to the articles of incorporation or other founding document filed with any NC office used to establish the legal existence of CVMA NC Chapter 15-8, Inc.

Section 16.2 Unenforceability of Bylaws - Severance

If any of the provisions of these bylaws are found to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions and portions of these bylaws shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 16.4 Legal

A) All references to the IRC shall be such sections of the IRC of 1986 as amended, or to corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code.

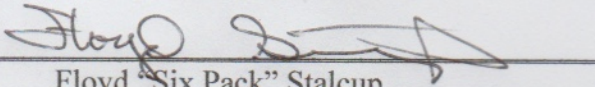
B) CVMA NC 15-8, Inc. is a 501[c][19] tax-exempt corporation. Charitable contributions to the corporation are tax deductible.

C) All contents of these pages are protected. Use of these bylaws other than by CVMA 15-8, is prohibited and all rights are reserved. Contact CVMA 15-8 for permission to copy or duplicate these bylaws.

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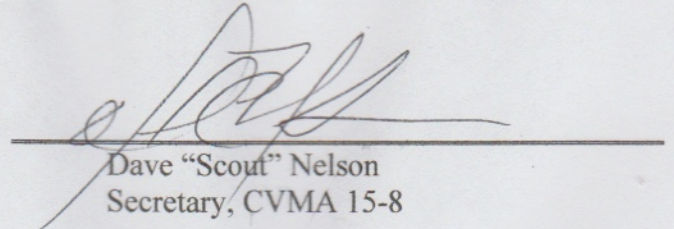
Certification

These bylaws were adopted by the CEB after a two thirds majority vote of the full members present on December 2, 2019 at which a quorum of thirty-three percent of the full members authorized to vote were present. These bylaws, consisting of 16 articles and twelve pages, including this page, together with one addendum constitute the complete bylaws of this chapter.



Floyd "Six Pack" Stalcup
Commander, CVMA 15-8

December 2, 2019



Dave "Scout" Nelson
Secretary, CVMA 15-8

December 2, 2019

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Addendum 1 to CVMA 15-8 Bylaws – CVMA 15-8 Principle Office Location

In accordance with Article 1, Section 1.3 of these bylaws, the principle office of CVMA 15-8 located at:

Post Office Box 24

Street Address

Brasstown

City

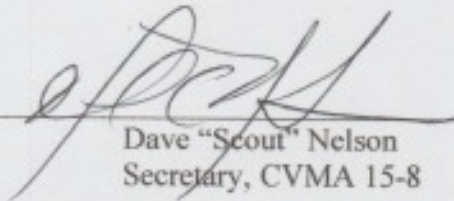
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A change of the chapter's principle office location need only be made on this addendum and signed by the chapter secretary. All chapter members shall be notified by email of the change of address. The chapter secretary is required to notify a change of address to the Internal Revenue Service, the NC secretary of state's office, and the CVMA national secretary.



Dave "Scout" Nelson
Secretary, CVMA 15-8

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