# DAYTON BUFFALO SOLDIERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB P.O. BOX 144 CLAYTON OHIO, 45315 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)

### **SECTION 1: NAME.**

- **1.1.** This Chapter, under Charter from the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club (NABSTMC), known as the Dayton Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club (DBSMC), Dayton Ohio.
- **1.2.** The DBSMC shall be governed first by the Constitution of the NABSTMC and secondly by following the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) set forth by the governing body of the DBSMC Chapter.

#### SECTION 2: UNDERSTANDING THE SOP.

- **2.1.** The Dayton Chapter SOP "**DOES NOT**" in any form change, attempt to change, or alter the Constitution of the NABSTMC. This SOP is a simple understanding of the Dayton Chapters day-to-day operations and activities.
- **2.2.** Any conflict in the understanding the SOP, the NABSTMC Constitution will take precedence.
- **2.3.** The DBSMC "SHALL NOT", as a corporate entity, attempt to influence legislation or participate in political campaigns for public office

#### **SECTION 3: PURPOSE.**

- **3.1.** To promote safe motorcycle riding and to educate our society on the rich history of the Buffalo Soldiers US Army 9th and 10th Cavalry and their contributions to American history.
- **3.2.** Provide money for local and national tax-exempt charities pursuant to 501© (3) of the IRS, whose mission is harmonious with the Dayton Chapter.
- **3.3.** To be active in the community serving programs such as food banks, backpacks for school children, toy ride, military vet-funeral services, and lending aid to the mentally and physically challenged children and adults.
- **3.4.** Use our motorcycles as "Iron Horses" to help tell the story of the buffalo soldiers, to engage young people in the history.

- **3.5.** To provide educational opportunity through scholarships and other aid to the underserved disenfranchised students in need of help in furthering their education.
- **3.6.** To ensure that all programs offered by the Dayton Chapter are managed in accordance with the NABSTMC's constitution, policies, guidelines, and standards.

## **SECTION 4: REGULATIONS.**

- **4.1.** The DBSMC organization, its officers, and its members when riding their motorcycle will comply with all NABSTMC's regulations as for attire, footgear, and equipment.
- **4.2.** No drinking of Alcohol, or imperative drugs before or during the operation of your motorcycle.
- **4.3.** The DBSMC organization when riding as a unit will adhere to all state regulation, rules of the road, and state safety guidelines.
- **4.4.** When riding as a group, the DBSMC shall be respectful with the music that is being played especially in gas stations and rest breaks.

### **SECTION 5: RIDES.**

- **5.1.** The Road Captain has authority while riding.
- **5.2.** The Road Captain oversees road trips to ensure motorcycles are road worthy, riders have insurance, and to ensure all riders are wearing appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE).
- **5.3.** Once the group reaches its destination, the President or highest-ranking officer is in charge.
- **5.4.** The Road Captain also has the authority to impose and collect fines during any official road trip.
- **5.5.** When riding and wearing our "Colors" a soldier will not "open carry". Anyone carrying a weapon will report to the Road Captain prior to departure that he/she is carrying a weapon on their bike or on their person.
- **5.6.** All riders should be aware and familiar with the laws of the states in which you are riding.

## SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

## SECTION 6: WHO CAN AND HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER.

- **6.1.** A member is an up-standing individual that is at least 21 years of age; including any active duty, reserve or retired armed forces, law enforcement, firefighters, and public safety personnel.
- **6.2.** Completes a membership application and background information screening.
- **6.3.** Must possess a Class M license along with a properly insured motorcycle 750cc or above.
- **6.4.** Complete a probationary period, not to exceed nine (9) months, including satisfying the organization's miles requirements unless extending circumstances.
- **6.5.** Must have completed or will complete a widely recognized motorcycle safety course.
- **6.6.** Associate membership is available to all wives, husbands, significant others, girlfriends, boyfriends, relatives, or friends of the chapter who are not eligible for full membership but want to be involved with the NABSTMC.
- **6.7.** Associate members <u>must</u> be sponsored by a "Full Patch" member and must complete a (6 month) "hang around" period.
- **6.8.** Associate members applying for "Full Patch" membership must go through a minimum of (6 month) probationary period (**NO EXCEPTIONS**) and adhere to all probationary member requirements.
- **6.9.** Full members who decide to terminate membership can do so at any time following the proper protocol, but a club officers shall be required to collect their colors.
- **6.10.** All requests for exception to policy will be forwarded to the NABSTMC chain of command for approval.

# SECTION 7: MONTHLY MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

- 7.1. The club President is overall responsible for everything the club does and fails to do.
- **7.2.** The Vice President is part of the support chain of command to have final authority **only** in the absence of the President.
- **7.3.** The Secretary will be responsible for recording and disseminating information on all business discussions within the chapter.
- **7.4.** The Treasure has the power of the purse by committee, and will oversee the distribution, collection, and payments of all club monies and provide monthly reports.

- **7.5.** All meetings will be conducted in a professional, and courteous manner. Robert's Rules of Order will govern all club meetings and matters not covered by the Constitution.
- **7.6.** In-person monthly meetings will take place except for inclement weather that may make travel unsafe; in which case Zoom meetings will be used.
- 7.7. Colors" WILL BE" worn at all club meetings, events or rides which includes Zoom meetings.
- **7.8.** The DBSMC members will meet monthly at 10:00am the second Saturday of the month at Buckeye Harley Davison, Vandalia Ohio, North Dixie Rd for as long as the establishment will allow our club to use their meeting room, unless changed to a special meeting time or location by the President.
- **7.9.** Members should be in place for the meeting 10 minutes before start time. A 10 minute to start time announcement will be made by the Sergeant-at-Arms so everyone can take their place.
- **7.10.** The meeting will open with roll call, prayer, and the Buffalo Soldier MC Creed. The Sergeant-at- Arms will ensure the meeting place is secured, and the order of operations is carried out in accordance with the Constitution while following the agenda.
- **7.11.** Old business, new business, and all identified executive board reports will be reported at each monthly meeting.
- **7.12.** Club events and rides for the year will be placed on the yearly calendar, but not limited to the events on the calendar, voted on and approved in the beginning of the year and to be reviewed monthly.
- **7.13.** Chapter business is private and will remain confidential and will not be discussed with anyone outside of the Buffalo Soldiers MC.
- **7.14. Each month** the chapter will have at least one member give a historic account about the Buffalo Soldiers, followed by chapter discussion.
- **7.15.** Riding formation and safety rules classes will be conducted by the Road Captain, President, or his/her appointee when required.
- **7.16. Special events** such as birthdays, hospitalized, sick or shut-ins can receive cards or flowers that are appropriate to encourage and recognize members by committee monthly. Please provide the month and day of your birthday to the chapter secretary.
- 7.17. Members, Probies and hang-arounds are expected to behave in such a manner as to avoid discrediting or dishonoring the club, **not only**, **but especially when wearing their** "Colors".
- **7.18. Chapter meetings/events** we wear our red Dayton Chapter shirts and black pants; for NABSTMC meetings/events we wear yellow shirts and black pants. White button-

down dress shirts and black pants are to be worn at funerals. **Proper PPE will be worn** for all rides.

## **SECTION 8: FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- **8.1.** All Full Patch members must pay their National (NABSTMC) donations of \$175; Chapter donations of \$100 and Frontier donations of \$50 by 1 February of each calendar year, unless otherwise discussed with the Dayton Chapter President and Secretary.
- **8.2.** All Associate members must pay their National (NABSTMC) donations of \$175 and Frontier donations of \$50 by 1 February of each calendar year, unless otherwise discussed with the Dayton Chapter President and Secretary.
- **8.3.** All chapter money/donations will be given to the secretary, then the secretary will give to the treasurer to ensure checks and balance records of all exchanges with complete clarity and transparency.
- **8.4.** All donations made to the NABSTMC should be submitted via the members portal.

### **SECTION 9: FUNDING SOURCES/USE OF FUNDS.**

- **9.1.** The revenues to pursue the objectives of the organization shall be derived from solicitation of donations and revenue-producing activities conducted by the organization under the guidance and supervision of the Chapter Executive Board.
- **9.2.** All revenue-producing activity ideas will be presented to the officers at a regular club meeting to be voted on.
- **9.3.** All revenues and donations to the DBSMC will be recorded using the checks and balance system by the secretary and treasurer.
- **9.4.** Funds used for regular business will be voted on at regular meetings, only in the event of an emergency business shall the treasurer, along with one other executive board members can make use of chapter funds.
- **9.5.** The chapter treasurer will ensure all chapter bills are paid and will report any expenditures in the monthly treasury report along with any other funds used or received.

# SECTION 10: FINE STRUCTURE/FEES.

- **10.1.** The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible for ensuring the SOP of the club are not violated, and the order of the DBSMC are executed in an expeditious manner.
- 10.2. Listed below are the fines and the associated fees.

FINES	FEES
Not Wearing "Colors" to Meetings/Events/Rides	\$10
Not Following Dress Code (see below)	
Red Dayton Chapter Shirts- Meetings/Events/Rides	\$5
Yellow Shirts - National Meetings/Events/Rides	\$5
Black Pants	\$5
Proper Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) worn on ALL rides	\$5
Late to Meetings	\$3
Phones Not Silenced During Meetings	\$2
Inappropriate Language (Offensive to Others)	\$2

**10.3.** While these fine may appear to be punitive in nature, they are simply a measure/method to encourage decorum and maintain the high level of professionalism that the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club seek to maintain while following the Robert's Rules of Order.

The above SOP is to regulate the DBSMC day to day operation, to promote fellowship, harmony, and good organized motorcycling. Honoring the rich and often forgotten legacy, and history of the Men and Women of color, of the US Army's 9th & 10th Cavalry.

Riding our motorcycles as iron horses to promote good community role models. We wear the colors of the units that made history during defining events of our country with the odds stacked against them.

We are in no way affiliated, allied with or party to any 1% motorcycle Clubs of any kind. We are a Nation of Professionals and Public Servants' men and women who love riding their motorcycles, discriminating against No One.

The SOPS were approved by the Executive Board at a regular meeting held on December 14, 2024 in witness, where the following officers affix their signature.

PRESIDENT:

Jerry Newsom / Top

VICE PRESIDENT:

Terry Swain / Eagle

**SECRETARY:** 

Charles Robinson / Sporty

TREASURER:

Darryl McFadden / Mac