

**Commander-**(call all patch in members to the front) “Members of Chapter 18-3, today we welcome our newest Brothers/Sisters into our association and recognize by presenting our colors and emblem to each of them. Let us begin.”

**PRO-** “The CVMA was formed in 2001 by the “Original 45”, motorcycle enthusiasts brought together by a common interest in Veteran’s issues and riding. This group established the vision and mission “Vets helping Vets”. This creed has become the very heart of the CVMA and is rooted in the belief that there is no higher calling than Veterans Helping Veterans. As you step forward today you too accept and profess this creed.”

**SAA-** “In order to become a full member of CVMA a candidate must present to the National Board of Directors with documented proof of their honorable service in an imminent danger or hostile fire zone as stipulated in the National by-laws. Upon review of your documented experience, your desire to help your fellow Veterans and in accordance with the National bylaws, we find you meet all requirements for membership.” “Auxiliary members must be willing to support the efforts of the chapter in upholding our mission and be a spouse, widow or widower of a member who is in good standing.”

**Treasurer-** “As a member of the CVMA you are expected to continue the tradition of providing an outstanding association of veterans who are motorcycle enthusiasts to experience and share a sense of brotherhood. You will be a positive force in helping bring light to veterans issues, further veteran causes and help your brothers and sisters in need. The patch you are about to receive is awarded to you, but also earned by you for the time you spent in harm’s way serving your nation.

**Secretary-** “It’s customary for people with common bonds to unite. To display those bonds, characteristic symbols and colors are used as identification. As I read about our colors please remove the corresponding ribbon from your patch. The colors of the CVMA patch are RED, representing the blood that has been shed on the field, Military GOLD, representing all branches of service, and BLACK representing the heavy hearts possessed for those that gave their lives and for those wounded, missing in action, or prisoners of war. The emblem is the form of a skull and ace of spades representing the death that war leaves in its wake.” **Commander-** “If there is anyone that is a current member, full, auxiliary or support that desires to reaffirm your oath please step forward and form up with our new members.”

**XO-** “You will now take your oath, please raise your right hand and repeat after me... I (state your name)..having heard and understood... the purpose and mission of the CVMA... do solemnly pledge... to always respect and promote... the aims and ideals... of the CVMA brotherhood.” (put your hands down) “With this pledge you become our Brother/Sister. Your actions from this point forward will reflect not only yourself, but on all of us throughout the CVMA. Wear this patch with pride and respect for what it represents always.”

**Commander-** “At this time I will direct your attention to the signatures on the back of your patch, those signatures are to remind you that the members of this chapter will always have your back, and now as a member of this chapter you will become part of that circle.” **Commander** will call each member by name one by one, handshake, and introduce to chapter by Road name (if applicable)....at end of introductions, “This completes our patch in ceremony, Please join me in welcoming our newest brothers/sisters.”