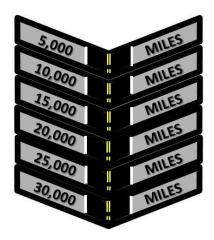
The Distinguished Rider Program (DRP) has been developed to serve two important functions. The first of these is to serve as an incentive program to encourage CVMA members to participate in chapter rides and events. Secondly, the DRP serves an important role in rewarding and recognizing those CVMA riders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

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 for the completion of 2500 miles ridden.



Distinguished Rider Program Patch

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 miles, and so on at 5,000-mile increments.



Distinguished Rider Program Chevrons

DRP Guidelines

1. Eligibility

- a. The patch and chevrons may be awarded to any Chapter member who is a:
 - i. Motorcycle Rider
 - ii. Motorcycle Passenger
 - iii. Driver of vehicle that participates and attends the Chapter sponsored event.

2. Allowable Mileage

- a. The mileage is earned and accumulated from:
 - i. A CVMA group ride at the Chapter level or higher.
 - ii. Riding to and from bike nights and other group events deemed to be Chapter sponsored.
 - iii. Miles to and from State, Region, or National meeting or rally. (Note: In and around mileage at meetings or rally will not be counted unless covered by items 2.a.i, 5 and/or deemed to be a Chapter sponsored event.)
 - iv. Mileage may be credited at the discretion of the DRP Manager and approved by the Chapter Executive Officer.
 - v. Mileage is calculated via Mapquest from the designated staging area to the final destination.

3. <u>Log</u>

a. The Chapter Executive Officer or the DRP Manager will maintain a mileage log and update the accumulated mileage totals as necessary.

4. Patches and Chevrons

- a. 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. They may also be purchased through the National CVMA store, if approved by the NBOD.
- b. The initial DRP patch will be purchased by the Chapter and presented to the chapter member by the BOD.
- c. The accumulation chevrons will be the members responsibility to purchase after the BOD has approved the mileage ridden

5. Road Captain (RC) & Road Captain Under Instruction (RCUI)

- a. The RC/RCUI will be responsible for providing a By-Name roster of members who participated in an approved DRP qualified ride to the DRP Manager.
- b. It is the member's responsibility to check in with the RC/RCUI to document their participation.

6. Staging Locations

- a. The DRP Manager or the Chapter Executive Officer will dictate the staging areas for the membership.
- b. The staging locations may be updated and/or changed at the discretion of the DRP Manager of Executive Officer.
- c. The staging areas will be the official starting point for mileage accumulation of an approved DRP qualified ride
- d. Membership in attendance will be credited based off of the staging location which is closest to their home of record as much as possible.

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7. <u>Disqualification from Program Participation</u>

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.

8. Program Management and Administration

The Distinguished Rider Program Manager is appointed by the Chapter BOD. The program manager is tasked with the daily management and administration of the program. The DRP manager will keep the BOD 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 Chapter BOD. 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 (Voted on and APPROVED) for presentation to a qualifying member.