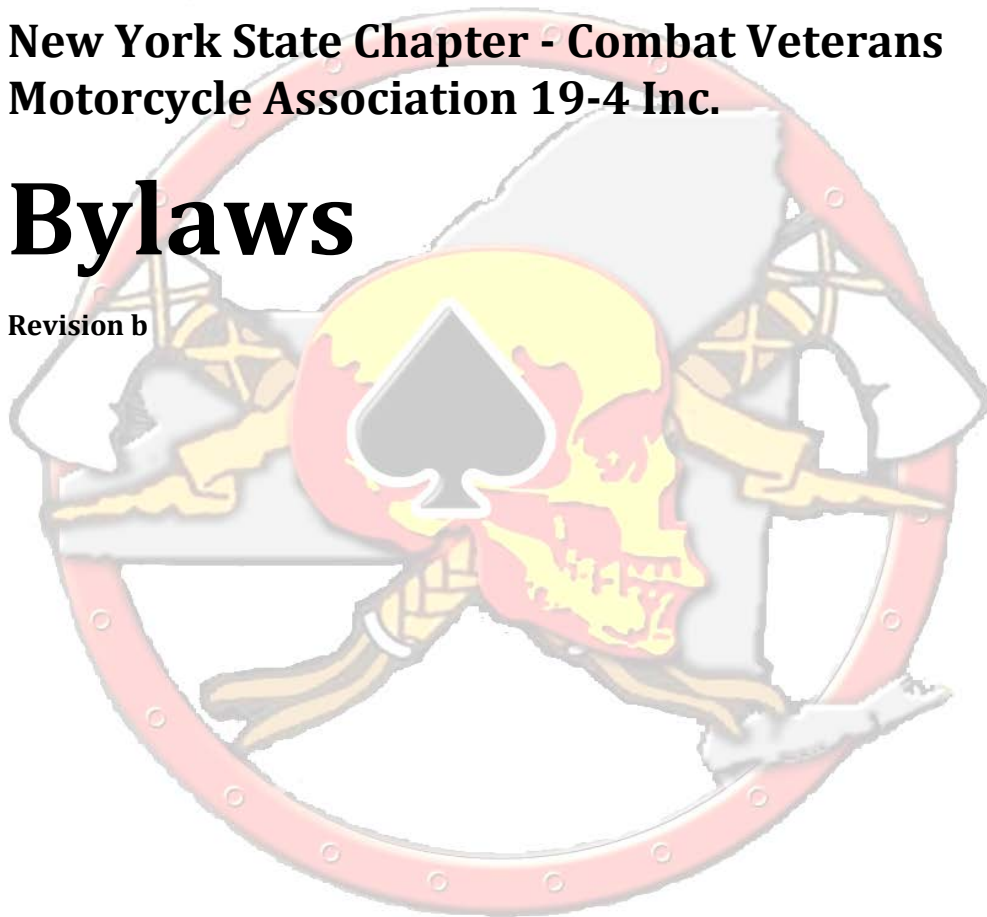


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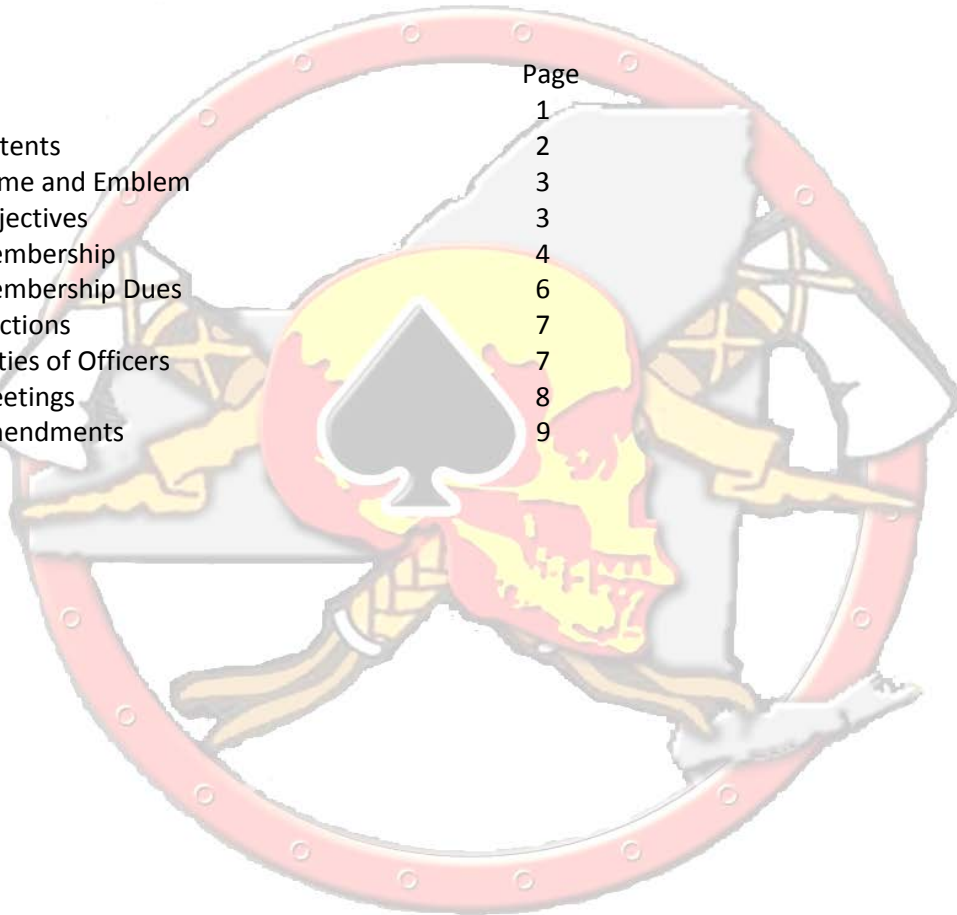
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ARTICLE 1 : NAME AND EMBLEM

Section 1 (a)

The name of the association is: New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc.

- a. Principle office of the New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. will be located at the following address: 122 Sunny Knolls Lane Schoharie NY 12157
- b. Change of Address. The designation of the county or state of New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. principal office may change by amendment of these bylaws. The board of Officers may change the principal office from one location to another within the named country by noting the changed address and effective date below, and such changes shall not be deemed minor, and require an amendment of these bylaws.
 1. New Address:
 2. Dated:
- c. Other Offices. The New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. may also have offices at such other places, within or without its state of incorporation, where it is qualified to do business, as its business and activities may require, and as the board of directors may from time to time, designate.

Section 1 (b)

IRS Section 501(c)(19) Purposes. New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and/or scientific purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Chapter Board of Officers has the authority to change the New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. bylaws if any part is found to be in conflict with Federal or NY state tax laws.

Section 2

The emblem / logo used by the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is the sole property of the CVMA. The CVMA patch and logo cannot be reproduced without license from the National BOD. The emblem of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is in the shape of a skull encompassed by the following colors. The incorporated colors are: Red, representing the blood that has been shed on the battlefield. The Military Gold, representing all branches of the military service of the United States. Black, representing the heavy hearts possessed for those who gave their lives and for those that are considered missing in action or prisoners of war. The Skull and ace of spade represents the death that war leaves in its wake.

ARTICLE 2 : OBJECTIVES

General: New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. Protocol. The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is formed for the betterment of communication and camaraderie between other Motorcycle Associations, Veterans Organizations, and or Motorcycle Groups.

Section 1

To promote interest in various forms of motorcycle activity associated with Veterans.

Section 2

To create and maintain camaraderie among Combat Veterans from all U.S. Branches of Service and its allies.

Section 3

To support Veteran Organizations.

Section 4

To raise awareness for the plight of POWs, MIAs and their families.

Section 5

To conduct Association functions and activities in a manner befitting the members of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and as well as the association's Auxiliary Members.

Section 6

To encourage a better understanding of motorcycle riders as a constructive sport among members of the public, press, and law enforcement agencies.

Section 7

Benevolent fund for CVMA members will be \$250 per incident. Chapters must help raise money on their own prior to applying for additional funds from the National. Money given out will not be required to be given back. Chapters with a member in need can petition National for funds. \$3 out of members' dues will be set aside for the benevolent fund.

ARTICLE 3 : MEMBERSHIP

Definitions:

The term "Good Standing" shall be defined as any person who has fulfilled the requirements for membership in the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, who is not currently under disciplinary review or probationary status for disciplinary reasons, who has paid the necessary dues and conformed to the requirements as set forth in these bylaws.

Section 1

Full Member:

- a. Of good character.
- b. Who is a Veteran of a Foreign War, "Combat".
- c. The ONLY Acceptable proof for membership to the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is a copy of one's DD 214 or ERB which must be surrendered to the BOD for verification.
- d. Annual dues of \$20 will be assessed effective March 1, 2010 for all Full Members (Combat Veterans) and \$10 for Support Members (non-combat veterans). Dues for CVMA members deployed in a war zone will be waived. Dues for all members must be received by June 30th of each year. Dues for all new members joining between January 1st and June 30th will be considered as paid in full for the balance of the current dues year and the following dues year. Dues for new members joining between July 1st and December 31st will be for the current dues year only.
- e. Must own and operate a Motorcycle of 500cc or above.
- f. Should a full member resign they will be given a 5 day grace period to rescind their resignation with no repercussions. After the 5 day grace period a member will have to re-apply for membership as a new member and will require BOD approval.
- g. Active members in good standing with the CVMA, who become infirm, disabled or otherwise unable to ride their motorcycles will be able to keep their patch and be retired as members in good standing with the CVMA. Members must submit medical documentation and a minimum of one year as a member and/or BOD approval is required.
- h. Life members, if for health reasons can no longer ride can at their discretion, remain members in good standing with full voting privileges and can keep their patch.
- i. Life membership requirements: 3 years active in the CVMA. Member must be in good standing for all three years and minimum participation of one sanctioned CVMA event per year is required. One of which must be a National meeting. Cost for life membership is \$200. If a life member quits for any reason or the member is removed from the CVMA rolls for any reason, no refunds will be made.
- j. Original 19 members that established chapter is authorized to wear "Chapter Original" designation.

Section 2 (a)

Auxiliary Members:

- a. Must be of good character.
- b. All Auxiliary members must be a spouse, widow or widower of a full member who is in good standing with the CVMA.
- c. Must support the efforts of ALL branches of the United States of Americas Armed Forces and the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.
- d. Will have no vote in CVMA business.

- e. Cannot hold a position on the BOD or an Officers position within the CVMA 19-4.
- f. \$10.00 annual dues will be assessed by the CVMA Auxiliary Unit.

Section 2 (b)

Support members:

- a. Must be of good character.
- b. Must own and operate a motorcycle of 500cc or greater.
- c. Maximum number of support members will not exceed 10% of total CVMA full Combat membership.
- d. Support members must be a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.
- e. Support members will read and abide by all CVMA by-laws applicable to them. Sections excluded:
 - a. Section 6 and subsection 2.
 - b. Section 3.
 - c. Elections.
 - d. Duties of Officers.
- f. Support members are required to submit their application with proof of military service through a full member of the CVMA who has held a membership for not less than one year. Support members are required to have either ridden a minimum of 3,000 miles with their sponsor, attended three CVMA events or be known by their sponsor for a minimum of 6 months. A full member submitting an application for a support member should verify they meet the above criteria. Only 1 support member can be vouched on per year by an individual CVMA member. Support members will be at a 1 to 10 ratio, 1 support member to 10 full members based on state.
- g. Will have no vote in CVMA business.
- h. Cannot hold a position on the BOD or an Officers position within the New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc..
- i. \$10.00 annual dues will be assessed and a CVMA Support ID will be issued.
- j. Support members in good standing can wear a small CVMA Support Patch on the front of their vest or jacket which will be supplied by their sponsor. Support members can also wear the 10 inch support back patch which will be supplied by their sponsor.

Section 3

By applying for membership with the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, you are giving the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and its Board of Directors the right to verify any membership application and DD 214 records.

Section 4

Each member should attend a minimum of at least one (1) event hosted by the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association per year. This can also be an event in any member's state if prior approval is obtained by the state representative from the governing body of the Combat Veterans Association.

Section 5

All members MUST conduct themselves in a manner that is not an embarrassment to themselves, the New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc., the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, or the United States of America.

Section 6

All members must possess a valid motorcycle driver's license endorsed by their state as well as proof of insurance for their motorcycle.

Section 7

- a. In the event of misconduct by any member, under the by-laws of the New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc., the Board of Directors possesses the right to revoke that member's membership. Misconduct is defined as failure to abide by the by-laws of the New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc., Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and any organization that the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association supports.
- b. Bringing dishonor upon the Combat Veterans Association in action, word(s), or deeds. Always remember WE ARE NOT, NOR DO WE CLAIM TO BE, A MOTORCYCLE CLUB! WE DO NOT HAVE COLORS! We do not prospect. We do have membership fees.

ARTICLE 4 : MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 1

Membership dues shall be at such rate, schedule or formula as may from time to time be prescribed by the governing body of the association and approved by the general membership.

Section 2

The governing body of the association shall determine deadlines for payment of renewal membership dues.

Section 3

New members purchasing patches of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association will be done so at cost plus shipping and handling.

Section 4

Charter members will not be required to pay annual dues and may wear the 45 patch designating that they are an original starter member, or support member, of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.

Section 5

New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. dues are \$10.00 annually for ALL Chapter Members (Full, Supporter and Auxiliary). Chapter dues are paid on the same timeframe as national dues. All national dues continue to go to Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.

ARTICLE 5 : ELECTIONS

Section 1

All officers are to be nominated and elected at the New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. Board of Officers will assume office within 60 days of the election and hold that office for 24 months or until their successors are duly qualified. Consecutive terms are permitted. (Refer to Section 10 below)

Section 2

Members nominated for office are qualified if he or she is a paid member in good standing with the CVMA for a minimum of 1 year.

Section 3

New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. Board of Officers members will be considered for re-election in the following order, Commander / Secretary, XO/ Treasurer, SGT at Arms / PR. Should any Officer resign or be removed for any reason the Commander has the authority to replace the officer and the new officer will be put up for approval by the CVMA members and nominations for the newly filled position will also be taken at this time.

Section 4

New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. Board of Officers will consist of: Commander (CO), Executive Officer (XO), Secretary, Treasurer, SGT at Arms, Public Relations Rep, Road Captain, Chaplain and Membership. No member may serve more than two (2) full terms, or a total of four (4) years, in any one position on the New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. Board of Officers. This does not preclude a change in position. Although you may not serve more than two consecutive terms in any one position, there is no limit on the number of terms you can serve.

ARTICLE 6 : DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1

The Commander will preside over all meetings of the Chapter; serve as Chairman of the Board of Officers, act as executive officer member of all committees, issue the call for regular and

special Board of Officers meetings, schedule regular elections, and be sure they are held IAW this constitution, and carry out the directives of the Board of Officers. Treasurer and Secretary positions are both accountable to the Commander and the Commander is allowed to temporarily fill these positions as required.

Section 2

The XO will perform all duties of the Commander in his absence. Assumes duties of Chapter Chaplin in his absence.

Section 3

The Secretary shall keep minutes of the New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. and general membership meetings. The Secretary shall provide copies of minutes to New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. Board of Officers, members and State representatives within sixty days of meeting. The Secretary will assume all duties assigned to office by the New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. Board of Officers.

Section 4

The Treasurer will collect dues and other forms of income due to the association, maintain the accounting books, make payments from the associations funds when so ordered by the board of Officers, sign all associations checks (along with another officers signature) and make regular reports of the associations financial status to the Board of Officers, State Representative and the general membership.

Section 5

The Public Relations Officer will maintain a file and have it ready to present at each meeting and all association functions. He or she will be in charge of all the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Associations publicity, in conjunction with and approved by the Chapter Commander. Duties will include: Historian, club file, pictures, newspaper articles, TV and radio announcements and the associations web site.

Section 6

Sgt. of Arms has and will maintain order during CVMA meeting's and check members ID cards before each meeting will start.

Section 7

The Board of Officers constitutes the Executive Board of the Association, responsible for the execution, through its officers of the authorized policies, by majority votes, fills vacancies in any office of the Board of Officers and submits to the associations meetings and recommendations affecting the policies of the association which have been previously approved.

ARTICLE 7 : MEETINGS

Section 1

A quorum of conducting business shall be at least 20% of full members and 2 Officers at any given meeting. The Senior Officer present will determine if a Quorum is reached and announce to members present.

Section 2

Special membership meetings and special Board of Officers meetings can be called by the Commander or two active members.

Section 3

Roberts Rule of Order will be applied during meetings to affect parliamentary procedures, unless otherwise amended and provided for in the bylaws. The Commander will appoint a member of the Board of Officers to serve additional duty as parliamentarian.

Section 4

New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. Officers will attend at least 50% of all Scheduled meeting and miss no more than 3 consecutive meetings or face removal from office.

ARTICLE 8 : AMENDMENTS

Section 1

Amendments, when ratified by three fourths of the voting membership present at a New York State Chapter - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 19-4 Inc. meeting, take effect immediately.