

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association® (CVMA®)

Chapter 23-7

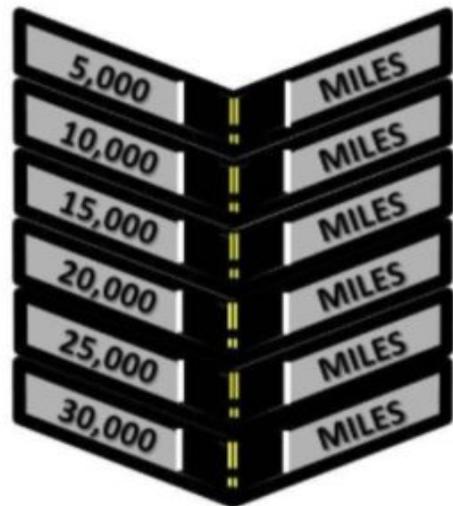
Distinguished Rider Program (DRP)

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

The Distinguished Rider Program (DRP) has been developed to serve two principal functions. The first of these is to serve as an incentive program to encourage CVMA® members to participate in their chapter rides and events. Secondly, the DRP serves a significant 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” is contained at the top of the patch. The patch is awarded for the completion of 2500 miles ridden.

Distinguished Rider Program Patch and Chevrons



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 signifies longer 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.

DRP Guidelines

1. Eligibility

a. The patch and chevrons may be awarded to:

1. Motorcycle/Triglides Rider
2. Motorcycle/Triglides Passenger
3. Driver of Chapter support vehicle (cage) where a support vehicle is deemed necessary by the chapter. If the support vehicle changes drivers during that trip, only those miles driven by each driver can apply to that driver. If more than one chapter support vehicle, the commander will decide which vehicle is the official chapter vehicle and only one supporting vehicle is authorized to claim mileage.

2. Allowable Mileage

a. The mileage is earned and accumulated from:

1. A CVMA® group ride at the chapter level or higher. A group is defined as a minimum of 2 or more CVMA® members riding motorcycles/triglides.
2. Officers or any member with commander approval representing the chapter in official capacity and riding alone.
3. Miles ridden to and from home of record to Chapter meeting, event or function.
4. Riding to and from bike nights other than the Chapter's and other group events of which have been put onto the chapter calendar of events or the PRO's event list. The group must form up at a location separate from the event and must ride into the event together. Group miles ridden to/from the meet-up location to the event will be counted.
5. Miles ridden on motorcycle/triglides to and from State, Region, National meeting or rallies.
6. Only miles for group rides/events posted on to the CVMA® 23-7 website will be counted.
7. Impromptu, no-notice rides of CVMA® members consisting of 2 or more motorcycles/triglides. Only the miles ridden as a group of 2 or more CVMA® members may be logged with Commanders approval.

3. **Log**

a. The chapter commander or the designated DRP point of contact (POC) will maintain a mileage log and update accumulated mileage totals as necessary. Mileage logs must be available to review by all members at any time. The chapter commander has designated the senior road captain (SRC) as the designated POC. In the absence of the SRC the commander will select an officer of his/her choice as the POC.

b. The Road Captain, ride organizer or event coordinator is responsible for reporting all participants and the date of occurrence of any qualifying ride to the SRC at: src@cvma237.org.

c. All miles must be recorded on the chapter DRP page of the chapter website no later than 30 days of the last day of ride. If single day ride, then the rider has 30 days from the end of the ride to record mileage. Only the Command Executive Board (CEB) can extend cutoff date due to unforeseen circumstances.

d. Each member is responsible to accurately input his/her mileage into the DRP page of the chapter's website.

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. Patches and chevrons will be purchased by the chapter and awarded only during chapter meetings/functions.

c. Members must be in good standing for ridden miles to count. All miles accumulated to members that do not meet all membership eligibility requirements will not be counted.