




COMBAT VETERANSS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER 23-2

El Paso, Texas



POLICY 1-2-16 Effective: 1 January 2016

SUBJECT: Membership

1. The only acceptable way to request membership in CVMA 23-2 is by properly meeting all requirements in the National bylaws, in addition, there are many variations of area requirements throughout the National CVMA. In this area we have added additional requirements for membership to ensure safety, compliance with El Paso Motorcycle Coalition protocol and to maintain a great working relationship with the many diverse Clubs, Associations, Riding groups and independent riders throughout the El Paso region.
2. An interested future member must have a mentor/sponsor with (1) year of membership in order to process applications and teach customs, bylaws & protocol. The sponsor will present the future member to the association before the start of their first meeting.
3. All interested future members must turn their paperwork in through their SPONSOR who will submit it directly to the CVMA 23-2 secretary. Applications will ONLY be accepted at CVMA 23-2 meetings. See your sponsor for meeting locations and times.
4. All applications for future membership will be placed under a 60 day review. At the end of that 60 day review the new member will be assessed by the sponsor and CBOD to ensure they are a member in "Good Standing" and the paperwork will be forwarded to the NBOD for approval. (WE ARE NOT A CLUB, WE DO NOT PROSPECT/HAZE) new members. The main reason for this action is to ensure that the member is loyally interested in the CVMA mission, the member is a safe rider, and the member knows all bylaw and protocol for the El Paso and National areas. ALL intentions are for the good of the future member, local protocol and the Association.
5. All future members will NOT be permitted to wear any indication of a CVMA 23-2 member until they have received a member number. In some cases member numbers may be presented before the coveted back patch has been issued. The new member may wear the CVMA 23-2 scroll, the CVMA flash above the scroll, the Vets helping Vets lower back patch and their road name (prior to receiving the back patch). Novelty patches must be IAW NBOD policy.
6. It is encouraged that all current members when questioned about CVMA membership instruct the interested individual to review the chapter websites, by laws, protocol, the National bylaws and attend a meeting with YOU. At that time if the future member has a mentor/sponsor, then follow the bylaws for applying for new membership.

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7. The future member **MUST** know and understand Chapter 23-2 BYLAWS, PROTOCOL, Riding S.O.P. and policy letters. The sponsor/mentor is responsible for sharing that information and ensuring that the new member understands the requirements. Sponsorship is one of the most important aspects of welcoming future members. The sponsor is responsible for future members until such a time that the future member receives the coveted back patch.

8. At any time, the CBOD has the authority to discontinue any request for membership if the future member fails to meet the bylaws or becomes a member **NOT** in "Good Standing". If the future member has begun the application process, the process will follow through and there will be **NO** refund. The member will be removed from roll and the patch and member number will be returned as in any removal process.

BY DIRECTION OF THE CBOD:

Chapter CDR _____
Chapter SEC _____
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Chapter XO _____
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