



Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association® NC Chapter 15-12  
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Memorandum:

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From 15-12 CEB

To: 15-12 Members

Subject: Distinguished Rider Program

The Distinguished Rider Program has been developed to serve two important functions at the chapter level. 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 an important role in rewarding and recognizing those CVMA® riders and passengers who consistently participate in their chapter rides/events and camaraderie rides. Riding and camaraderie are founding principles of successful and enjoyable CVMA® chapters. The DRP is a useful tool to help strengthen and grow our chapters.



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. 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.

#### 1. Enrollment

- a) Must be a Full, Support, or Auxiliary Member.
- b) Application and \$10 fee required for each member.
  - i. A link to the application is located on the Chapter website or can be accessed at [15-12 DRP Application - Google Forms](#)

**NOTE:** No miles ridden previous to the DRP Coordinator receiving application fee, with the exception outlined below, will count towards the DRP program.

#### 2. DRP Guidelines

- a) The patch and chevrons may be awarded to:
  - i. Motorcycle Rider
  - ii. Motorcycle Passenger

- iii. Driver of Chapter support vehicle on long distance rides where a support vehicle is deemed necessary by the CEB. If the support vehicle changes drivers in the course of the trip only those miles driven by each driver will apply.
3. Allowable mileage
    - a) In all cases mileage will be from home of record back to home of record.
    - b) Home of record is the address in the riders 201 file.
    - c) Mileage is earned and accumulated from:
      - i. CVMA® group ride at or to any in or out-of-state, Chapter level or higher ride or meeting.
      - ii. When two (2) or more CVMA® members operating separate motorcycles conduct a camaraderie ride of more than 50 miles round trip with three (3) CVMA® members.
      - iii. When supporting funeral escorts and/or viewings for Veterans. There is no minimum CVMA® member count or mileage minimums to honor our fallen.
  4. Logging miles
    - a) The Chapter XO or the designated Chapter DRP representative will:
      - i. Maintain mileage log for all DRP members and update accumulated mileage totals as necessary.
      - ii. Maintain all DRP applications.
    - b) The DRP member Will:
      - i. Upon completion of a ride that falls within section three (3) enter miles via the mileage submission form and within the time frame listed below.
        - 1) A Link to the form is located on the Chapter website or it can be accessed at [15-12 DRP Mile Submission - Google Forms](#)  
**NO OTHER MEANS OF SUBMISSION WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
        - 2) Form **MUST** be filled out in its entirety or the miles will not be added to the rider's file.
        - 3) Mileage **MUST** be submitted within 10 days of the ride/event. Mileage for multiple events, weekly/monthly totals will not be added to files.
        - 4) Miles can be viewed from the link on the Chapter website or it can be accessed at [15-12 Chapter Totals - Google Sheets](#)
  5. Mileage accumulated from a previous Chapter(s)
    - a) For mileage accumulated from previous Chapter(s) to count toward NC 15-12 DRP, the losing Chapter's program must closely resemble the 15-12 DRP.
    - b) Within 60 calendar days of acceptance into 15-12 DRP, the DRP member will:
      - i. Forward previous Chapter's DRP guidelines to the XO and the DRP representative.
      - ii. Ensure previous Chapter's DRP representative forwards member's program mileage sheet to NC 15-12 XO and DRP representative.
    - d) Upon receipt of the documents outlined in 5 (b), the XO and Chapter DRP representative will review and they will:
      - i. Accept mileage and add to NC 15-12 DRP log.
      - ii. If mileage is not calculated similar to how 15-12 DRP calculates it's milage, the application will be forwarded to the CEB for resolution. The CEB will review and vote to accept or decline.
  6. Patches and Chevrons
    - a) Initial issue of DRP patch is paid for with the \$10 application fee, subsequent chevrons will be paid for by the Chapter.
    - b) Replacement DRP patch and chevrons are paid for by the DRP member.
  7. Annual Recognition
    - a) At the end of each calendar year the DRP member with the most miles ridden for the year will be awarded the Road Warrior Certificate.