

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association®

CVMA® TX 23-1

Distinguished Rider Program (DRP)

February 15, 2026

1. General

- a. The Distinguished Rider Program (DRP) serves two important functions at the chapter level. The first of these is as an incentive program to encourage chapter members to participate in rides and events. Secondly, the DRP rewards and recognizes chapter riders and passengers who steadfastly participate in rides and events. Riding and camaraderie are founding principles of the CVMA®. The DRP strengthens and grows our chapter.
- b. 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 a 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

- c. The Distinguished Rider Chevrons have a grey background and black border. The center of the chevron features a vertical two-lane road aligned 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. The 75,000-mile chevron for CVMA® TX 23-1 will have the road name “Grey Wolf” instead of 75,000 miles in honor of our fallen brother, Stephen “Grey Wolf” Blackburn, who would have been the first chapter member to achieve this milestone.



Distinguished Rider Program Chevrons

2. DRP Guidelines

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

- b. Allowable Mileage - The mileage is earned and accumulated from
 - i. Riding to a CVMA[®] event at the chapter level or higher with two or more FM/SM patch holders present at the event.
 - ii. Support any CVMA[®] planned event.
 - iii. Events that encourage camaraderie and riding as a group at the chapter level for unplanned chapter events (e.g., bike nights, weekend camaraderie / fellowship rides, impromptu lunch rides, etc.)
 - iv. Riding to and from events that are Chapter-sponsored and open to all members, such as meetings and/or events.

- c. Logging Mileage
 - i. Under the guidance of the Chapter XO, a Chapter Road Captain will maintain a mileage log and update accumulated mileage totals as necessary.
 - ii. Any member transferring in from another chapter who wishes to have their mileage transferred will notify a Chapter Road Captain who will contact the losing chapter for the current balance of miles.
 - iii. Chapter XO will determine the eligibility of mileage based on this SOP.

- d. Patches and Chevrons
 - i. The initial issue of patches and chevrons will be provided free of charge to members. Additional patches and chevrons requested by members will be purchased at cost.
 - ii. CVMA[®] Chapter 23-6 retains sole ownership of the DRP patch and chevron design. All requests for DRP patches and chevrons will be sent to CVMA[®] Chapter 23-6 for purchase and issue. They may also be purchased through the National CVMA[®] store, subject to NBOD approval.

3. Event Type Definitions

- a. Planned event – These type events are defined as events, rides, or meetings at the chapter level or higher.
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- b. Unplanned event – These types of events are defined as events, rides, or meetings that are not planned. They are usually impromptu events that any member can post in advance to promote riding and camaraderie at the chapter level, as the DRP was originally designed to do. Must have two or more FM/SM patch holders present for miles to be counted.
- c. Beginning January 1, 2026, the initial mileage will be recorded and accepted based on the established guidelines outlined in the DRP SOP.