



## **PURPOSE**

The mission of the 27-2 Long Range Riding Platoon (LRRP) is to foster camaraderie within the chapter through participant attendance at events outside the borders of our home state as well as in state events that are approved by the 27-2 Chapter Executive Board (CEB). In addition, it is to encourage all participants to break through their personal riding barriers and put some hard-earned miles on their motorcycles. The LRRP is strictly voluntary and is open to all chapter participants who successfully complete the requirements for award of the chapter LRRP patch. As an added benefit the LRRP roster will be used to maintain a record of a participant's mileage that was devoted to non-profit events. This mileage may be deductible from the participant's income taxes at the end of the calendar year thus providing an added incentive for participants to attend these events. Participation will also foster support for all veterans. This is a program designed to bring forth camaraderie and understanding amongst the members/participants of the chapter. It is not designed as a method to segregate members from one another.

## **PATCH**

The 27-2-chapter LRRP award shall be a patch in the shape of a military guidon. The color of the patch shall be black with a gold border. The lettering will be gold for the "CVMA", "27-2" and "LRRP" on the patch. The CVMA skull is centered. The size of the patch will be approximately 4 ¼ wide x 2 ½ inches tall.

## **RECOGNITION**

Each participant who completes the 27-2 LRRP requirements shall be authorized to wear the LRRP Guidon. These patches recognize chapter members/participants for their long-distance riding accomplishments. Each awardee shall be entitled to continue wearing this award regardless of their chapter affiliation should they leave 27-2.

## **OVERVIEW**

All miles logged will become effective on the day an individual becomes a member of the chapter and begins riding with the chapter and will run continuously throughout duration of their participation with the chapter. Upon completion of eligibility requirements participants will be awarded the LRRP Guidon patch. All patches will be awarded at our chapter's annual Christmas party recognizing total miles for current year as well as total cumulative miles accumulated from previous years while assigned to chapter 27-2. The 27-2 Chapter LRRP is not mandatory, participation is optional to all chapter members.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

To be eligible for award of the Chapter LRRP patch you must meet the following criteria:

1. Full, Support, Auxiliary and Family members are eligible to participate as riders/passengers. Ride a cumulative minimum of 1,500 documented miles within one calendar year to events sanctioned by the CEB.
  - a. Family Member for LRRP purposes is defined as the son or daughter of a member. Participation in LRRP does not extend to or include brothers, sisters, aunt's uncles, cousin, niece, nephew, girlfriend, or boyfriend.
2. Since riding motorcycles is a key portion of the overall CVMA mission the only mode of transportation allowed for the LRRP is the motorcycle. Hauling your motorcycle to events by truck, trailer, or any means other than riding it is not permitted and event miles will not count towards LRRP. Traveling to an event by any means other than a motorcycle then obtaining a bike at the event location is not permitted under LRRP, those event miles will not count. Additionally, for miles to count you must be wearing your CVMA vest. The only exceptions being that during periods of inclement weather it is acceptable to wear rain gear over or remove the vest replacing it with rain gear. Removal of the vest will be acceptable in No-fly zones and in cases of extreme heat where safety may be of concern.
3. Travel to and from any chapter meetings, travel to/from events approved by the CEB are usable miles for credit. Travel to/from State meetings or events, travel to/from out of state approved CVMA events and rides are qualifying miles. Examples include, but are not limited to; Blue Ridge Thunder, Memorial Day/Veterans Day Parades, D-Day Anniversary Ride, 27-1 Poker Run, NC CVMA Benefit Runs, NC Vietnam Vets Welcome Home, TN CVMA Benefit Runs, CVMA National Meeting, Military Funeral Escort. “” Personal weekly rides or daily travel does not constitute recognition for the LRRP.””
4. Good Faith Effort: If a breakdown occurs that renders the motorcycle inoperable while traveling to, from or during an event and it becomes necessary to trailer the bike to a maintenance facility or to the rider's residence those miles ridden on the bike up to the malfunction will be honored for LRRP.
5. START/FINISH: Mileage accumulation starts on 01 January and runs through the calendar year. End of year miles will be added to their total miles accumulated from each previous year of participation. At the 27-2 annual chapter Christmas party the most miles accumulated for that year may receive special recognition.
6. Upon closure of each yearly mileage log, the Chapter Road Captain will provide the chapter Secretary with a copy to be kept with all other chapter records.
7. Mileage is typically obtained from the odometer of the motorcycle that was ridden or may be obtained from the ride route planned using MapQuest or Google Maps. Mileage starts and ends at your place of residence.

8. To help in recording miles traveled and the event name, members can log their miles into the LRRP tracker on the Chapter website at <https://www.cvma27-2.org/submit-llrp-miles>.

Questions or inquiries may be directed to the Chapter Road Captain or the CEB.