

# **VFW Ohio Riders**



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#### STATEMENT OF

#### **POLICY VFW**

#### NATIONAL BYLAWS

Sec. 709 (excerpt) Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall not be responsible for the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions nor the contractual obligations or debts of any Post, District or Department nor for the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions or contractual obligations or debts of any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted, or operated by, for or on behalf of any Post, District or Department. Any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted, or operated by, for or on behalf of a Post, District or Department shall be at all times under the direct control of such Post, District or Department and all funds derived there from shall be at all times under the direct control of such Post, District or Department. All money, property or assets of any kind or nature, as well as all books and records, owned, held, or used by any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted, or operated by, for or on behalf of a Post, District or Department. All money, property or assets of any kind or nature, as well as all books and records, owned, held, or used by any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted, or operated by, for or on behalf of a Post, District or Department shall be the property of such Post, District or Department and must be placed in the care and custody of the respective Quartermaster. Such money, property, assets, books, and records shall be subject to the same rules and under the same procedure as any other Post, District or Department money, property, assets, books, and records.

## VFWRG ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STATE)

The VFWRG Advisory Committee is designed to represent the consensus all members of the VFW Riders of Ohio, and as such the VFWRG District Presidents and State Officers are expected to vote in accordance with the best interests of their constituents and the VFWRG.

- The VFWRG Advisory Committee consists of each District VFWRG President, or their designee, the Department VFWRG President, Vice President, Treasurer (if applicable), or their designee and the Department Commander. The Advisory Committee oversees operations of all riders groups within the state of Ohio to ensure bylaws are being followed.
- For all regular business that comes before VFWRG Advisory Committee, the President, Vice President, Secretary and Master at Arms as well as all VFWRG District Presidents are voting members of the VFWRG Advisory Committee. The Treasurer, if applicable, is not a voting member of the Advisory Committee.
- 3. Decisions on all business that come before the VFWRG Advisory Committee will be approved by a simple majority vote of all voting members present.
- 4. For the purposes of electing State Officers, the VFWRG President, Vice President, Secretary and Master at Arms are non- voting members, unless they are also District Presidents representing their District for that election.
- 5. The VFWRG State President will cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie.

# VFWRG ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Ohio VFWRG is organized in accordance with the standard VFW chain of command.

- 1. Department Overall management of state level activities. Maintains membership roster of all Ohio VFWRG members. Conflict resolution when required.
- District District level management of District activities. Maintain roster of District VFWRG members. Liaison between Department and Post for information exchange. Assists in conflict resolution within the District and Post groups as needed.
- Post(s) Local management of Post Riders Groups. Maintains a roster of all Post VFWRG members. Reports to and is subservient their respective District VFWRG. Is an active participant of the District VFWRG. Elects Post and District Officers.

To efficiently manage the business of the Ohio VFWRG and ensure information flows seamlessly it's necessary to ensure all District sponsored Riders be members of their respective District level groups.

All Districts that sponsor at least one Post VFWRG must have a District VFWRG that maintains liaison with the Post Riders Groups within that District and the Department. Any Post Riders Group(s) operating in Districts with no established District VFWRG must contact the Department President or Vice President to coordinate the creation of a District Riders Group.

# REGISTRATION

The Department VFWRG President, as well as all Post and District Presidents shall register their riders' group, using a form designated by the National VFWRG Statement of Policy, enclosures 1, 2 and 3 as found in this document. All submissions must use the approved patch designs as found in enclosure 7 of this document. Submissions are to be mailed to the Department VFWRG Ohio President at the address listed on the form or emailed to the Department VFWRG President no later than 30 days from the promulgation date of this Policy. This Policy requirement applies to all Posts and Districts, regardless of previous submissions.

Each District and Post is required to update its group contact information annually. The information will be provided to the Department President, and will be used to promote and disseminate information regarding VFW organized riding events and VFWRG policy information.

# 1. DEFINITIONS

- 1. Motorcycle: Two or three wheeled vehicles manufactured for use on public roads and highways.
- 2. President: Presiding officer of the VFWRG. Elected by the members of VFWRG

as a leader of VFWRG.

- 3. Vice President: Assist the Presiding officer of the VFWRG. Elected by the members of VFWRG as a leader of VFWRG.
- 4. Secretary: Term for the designated individual responsible for maintenance of meeting minutes or other pertinent documents related to the VFWRG.
- Treasurer: Sponsoring unit's Quartermaster or person authorized by the Quartermaster to handle the receipt and disbursement of funds related to VFWRG.
- 6. Road Captain: Term for an individual within the VFWRG designated as a ride leader within the VFWRG. Typically assigned to an individual with extensive riding experience and planning abilities for events and rides.
- 7. Sergeant-at-Arms: Term for the VFWRG individual assigned or appointed to maintain order within the Bylaws of the VFW or policies within the VFWRG.
- 8. Riding Season: The riding seasons shall be defined as running from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> through Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.
- 9. Membership Status: A member's status is defined as VFW, Auxiliary and Support.

# 2. GENERAL COMMENTS

- 1. VFWRG is not a Motorcycle Club (MC)
- 2. VFWRG is a family-oriented group.
- 3. Discrimination based on race, religion, gender, or any other protected class will not be tolerated.
- 4. If not specified herein, the VFWRG will abide by, and defer to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure, and Rituals and usages of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

## 3. MISSION

- 1. To support, encourage, and create revenue to support VFW Members, and local military forces families and veterans with assistance that is deemed necessary based upon the available funds of the VFW riders' group of each unit.
- 2. To ride safely and to have fun.
- 3. To provide a social atmosphere for the VFW Members and the Riders who share the same interest.
- 4. To honor the United States Veterans of military conflict, and their families at home and abroad.
- 5. To promote motorcycle safety programs and to provide a safe riding environment for Veterans.

## 4. VFWRG MEMBERSHIP

- 1. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Motorcycle Riders Group is a motorcycle group made up of members in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW Full), VFW Auxiliary (AUX), and invited participants, (Support Members) who enjoy the pastime of motorcycling.
- 2. All new member applications must be brought to the floor during a regular meeting and receive a majority vote by the Group prior to extending membership.
- 3. Support membership is available for VFW and Auxiliary members dependents who are not eligible for membership in the VFW Auxiliary due to age restrictions.
- 4. Support membership is also available to adult, invited participants who exhibit an exemplary character, and desire to assist the VFW and other veterans causes. If requested by membership, it is the responsibility of the sponsor and the sponsoring riders Secretary to complete a **local** background check of all invited guests prior to nominating them for membership. The results must be shared with the members before voting the nominee into the VFWRG. An adverse report is not sufficient grounds to deny a vote for membership. But an informed vote is mandatory. Support members are not required to be Social Members of a VFW Post.
- 5. Members and participants must be the legally registered owner of a street legal motorcycle or 3 wheeled vehicle and must possess a valid motorcycle driver's license in their state of residence and maintain proper levels of insurance; or passenger thereto; or non-riding persons volunteering on behalf of the group in an active supporting role.
- 6. All members of the Ohio VFWRG are required to annually update their contact and Insurance information to the Department President using the Membership Application and Release Form, enclosure 4 of this document.
- 7. Membership may be revoked by a 2/3 majority vote held at a regular or special meeting for any member who violates offenses as described in this Policy's Article 12, Offenses. Members who have committed offenses recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Section 902 of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual may be subject to disciplinary action and may be assessed the penalties provided in this Article.

#### 5. Dues

- 1. District and Post VFW Riders Groups may institute annual dues for its members.
- 2. Dues shall be a nominal fee set by the local riders group, paid annually to their respective VFW Riders Group Treasurer.
- 3. Dues are to be paid at the beginning of the riding season. New members who join the riders group after 1 September of the riding season's dues will be applied to the next riding season.
- 4. There shall be no refunds of annual dues.

# 6. Members in Good Standing

- 1. A member whose current dues are paid through the current riding season is in good standing, and unless suspended or terminated, is entitled to all membership rights in accordance with this Policy.
- 2. A member whose dues are unpaid at the start of the current riding season, is not in good standing and loses all rights of membership in the VFW Riders Group.

# 7. BYLAWS/STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES/ADOPTED RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1. Sponsoring units shall establish bylaws, a standard operating procedure, or adopt additional rules and regulation for the governance of their VFWRG. Such bylaws, procedures, or rules shall be subordinate to and consistent with the bylaws of the sponsoring unit.
- 2. VFWRG may propose Bylaws, a standard operating procedure, or propose additional rules and regulation for the governance of the unit. Such bylaws, procedures, or rules shall only become effective upon the approval of the sponsoring unit by a majority vote of members present at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

## 8. OFFICERS

Department Officers as follows:

- 1. **Department President: Appointed.** The VFWRG Department President, as Chairman of the VFW Riders of Ohio, shall be appointed annually by the Department Commander.
- 2. **Department Vice President, Secretary and Master at Arms:** Elected annually by a simple majority vote of the VFWRG Advisory Committee District Presidents present at the Department State Convention.
- 3. **The Treasurer**, if the Department VFWRG maintains a budget, shall be the Department Quartermaster in accordance with section 709 of the National Bylaws. The Treasurer/Department Quartermaster is a non- voting member of the Advisory Committee.

In the event a Department VFWRG Officer cannot fulfill their obligation to complete their annual term, the VFWRG State President will appoint a replacement for the remainder of said term.

**District/Post VFWRG Officers:** District/Post Officers will be elected/appointed every year from within their units. District and Post officers shall be elected by majority

vote of the Veterans and Auxiliary Members in good standing. In accordance with VFW Policy and Procedure, Support members are not entitled to vote for VFWRG officers.

#### 1. District/Post President: Elected

- 1.1. Must be a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of the sponsoring unit.
- 1.2. Duties: Presiding officer of all VFWRG meetings.
- 1.3. The President will act as a liaison between the VFWRG and the sponsoring unit and community organizations.
- 1.4. The President will request, from the sponsoring unit, approval for all events, expenditures of VFWRG dedicated funds.
- 1.5. The President will give a monthly report of the unit's activities.

#### 2. Vice President: Elected

- 2.1. Must be a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of the sponsoring unit.
- 2.2. Duties: Will perform the duties as presiding officer in absence of the President.
- 2.3. Assists in the planning of VFWRG events. Coordinates the flow of information provided to VFWRG members and advises the President of concerns of VFWRG members.

#### 3. Secretary: Appointed

- 3.1. Must be a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, or VFW Auxiliary and a member of the sponsoring unit.
- 3.2. Responsible for keeping all the VFWRG records, written reports, and correspondence between outside organizations.
- 3.3. The Secretary will maintain all applications and Waivers of Liability forms.
- 3.4. Call role at VFWRG meetings and responsible for recording the meeting minutes. It is the Secretary's duty to notify all members of special meeting times and dates other than the normally scheduled meetings.
- 3.5. The Secretary will maintain the Bylaws of the VFWRG noting any changes as voted on and approved by the Sponsoring unit.

#### 4. Treasurer: Elected

- 4.1. Must be a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of the sponsoring unit.
- 4.2. Held by the sponsoring unit Quartermaster or their authorized representative in accordance with Section 709 of the VFW Bylaws.
- 4.3. Duties: Maintains financial records of the VFWRG. The Treasure collects monies from all fundraising events and coordinates disbursement of funds. The Treasurer shall give a detailed report of all receipts and disbursement of funds at all VFWRG meetings. Shall provide a monthly finical report to the sponsoring unit Quartermaster for inclusion in the sponsoring unit's financial

report. The Treasurer is also responsible for maintaining all the VFWRG patches that are un- issued as well as a record of the patches each member has in their possession. The Treasurer collects all VFWRG dues, if any, from the VFWRG members.

#### 5. Sergeant at Arms: Appointed

- 5.1. Must be a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.
- 5.2. Duties: Makes certain to uphold rules of the VFWRG and keeps order at all meetings and events. Reports actions of its members, who do not conform to rules of VFWRG, or its sponsoring unit, to the President.

#### 6. Chaplain: Appointed

- 6.1. Must be a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.
- 6.2. Duties: Provides spiritual guidance to VFWRG members.

#### 7. Road Captains: Appointed

- 7.1. The Road Captain is responsible for route planning and if needed the coordination of Support Vehicles for events.
- 7.2. When on an event, they are the ranking officer if the President and Vice-President are not present and therefore leads the VFWRG formation on the ride, with the exception of when Support Members are Road Captains. In that instance, the senior VFW member present then senior VFW Auxiliary member assumes the leadership of that event. Seniority is based first on Status then on tenure.
- 7.3. If the President is on the ride, the Road Captain rides at the front of the group with the President.
- 7.4. The Road Captain will give a pre-ride safety briefing to all participants in the event including Support Vehicle drivers and passengers.
- 7.5. Open to any member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, or participant of VFWRG that meets criteria as ride leaders, capable of executing rides and functions pertaining to the VFWRG.

#### 9. MEETINGS

- 1. Each VFWRG will hold regularly scheduled meetings at a date, time, and location as set by the VFWRG and its sponsoring unit and agreed to by majority vote.
- 2. Meetings will be conducted in an orderly manner and are generally conducted in a "VFW lite" routine.
- 3. If necessary to ensure good order and discipline, the VFWRG defaults to following Roberts Rules of Order.
- 4. Motions, Debates, meeting dates and all VFWRG business are decided by majority

rule. Support members should participate when votes are held regarding general VFWRG business, with the exception of VFWRG election of officers.

- 5. Meeting minutes will be taken by the Secretary and will be distributed to the Group members prior to the next meeting.
- 6. In rare instances where a Special Meeting is required to hold a special election or deal with another emergency issue that cannot wait until the next regular meeting, the VFWRG Secretary will contact all members by email or text and obtain a positive reply from each member of the date, time, location and reason for the Special Meeting.

#### **10.UNIFORM**

- 1. VFWRG Vests:
  - During the 2023 Department Convention, the Ohio VFW Riders Group membership voted to adopt one standard back patch for VFW members, Auxiliary members, and Support members. Each back patch contains the VFW logo, emblem, name, or other protected mark (or VFW Auxiliary logo for Auxiliary members, and VFWRG Support logo). The words "VFW RIDERS" above the emblem and "OHIO" below the emblem. Nothing else is authorized to be on the back patch. No other back patch is authorized. (See enclosure 7, page 21 of this document.)
  - 2. Vests will be black, either leather or fabric is authorized.
  - 3. The VFWRG back patch may only be worn by VFWRG members in good standing when approval is obtained consistent with the requirements of the VFW.
  - 4. At no time will any VFWRG utilize a 3-Piece patch design, nor display patches identifying their group as a "MC." In addition, the use of rockers or any patch claiming territory, or appearance thereof, or Diamond or "Percenter" patches are permitted.
  - 5. Military Branch of Service Patches may be worn above the Back Patch. Area Conflict Rocker/Banners, Campaign Ribbons, Unit Patches and Operational Support patches that are specific to that veteran's wartime service denoting where the Veteran earned their VFW eligibility may be worn either directly above or below the back patch. These patches cannot touch the back patch and must be clearly separated by at least 1 inch, to not give the appearance of MC Rockers. For safety reasons no patches shall be worn on the left or right sides of the back patch. No patches denoting an area where a VFWRG resides are permitted. No other patches are permitted. (See enclosure 9, page 23 of this document).
  - 6. Front vest Right Side, as viewed from the Front, is considered the VFW side of the vest. The American Flag, 3.5" W X 2.5" H, with gold border, and with the Union towards the wearer's right will be at the top. It will be the highest item on the vest. Below that will be (in descending order) VFWRG Office, District Patch, Post Patch. These patches are 4" W X 1" H with black background and border and

follow the piping conventions of the VFW Post Cap, Silver-National, Red-Department, Green- District, Yellow- Post. The red and black VFWRG patch will be placed at below district and post patches or at the bottom of the right side. (See enclosure 8, page 22 of this document.)

- 7. Front vest Left Side, as viewed from the front is considered the personal side of the vest. The POW/MIA patch, 2.5" W X 3.5" H, (women may opt for a smaller size), will be top but not above the American Flag. Below that the name patch. The remainder of the Left Side is for personal patches, pins, and adornment. However, it must not be offensive to the reasonable person. (See enclosure 8, page 22 of this document.)
- 8. If the wearer is a Life Member, then the VFW Life Member patch should be worn on the right, VFW side of the vest.
- 2. Back Patches:
  - 1. All District/Post VFWRG Presidents must submit a VFWRG District Registration form (encl 2), including the standardized VFWRGOH back patch designs (encl 7), within 30 days of promulgation of this policy.
  - 2. District Presidents will route this document to their respective VFW Ohio District Commander who will in turn forward the application and design to the VFWRG OH State President and VFW Department Commander for approval and submission to VFW National Head Quarters. This will bring all District and Post Riders Groups into compliance with this Policy and codify our back patches with National HQ and the VFW National Store.
  - 3. All State of Ohio VFWRG members must purchase VFWRG back patch through their respective District Treasurer or President.
  - 4. American Flag patches, POW patches, and all State, District, and Unit patches can be sources locally, providing they comport with the standardized policy guidance, or can be obtained from the designated place set by the State of Ohio Riders Group President.
  - 5. The VFWRG Back Patch and other related articles of clothing incorporating the VFW logo, emblem, name, or other protected mark must be worn in a manner consistent with the VFW requirements.
  - 6. The VFW reserves the right to revoke authorization granted to a VFWRG, or any VFWRG member or participant, to wear or display any VFW logo, emblem, name, or other protected mark.

## 11.DRESS

The VFWRG is a representation of the VFW, and as such, members shall dress in a manner that promotes a positive image of the VFW, particularly when operating in group activities or interacting with the community. No patches with profanity, depicting acts of a sexual nature, or otherwise not within the keeping of the standards set forth by the VFW will be worn.

# **12. GENERAL CONDUCT**

- 1. VFWRG members and participants will conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the values and mission of the VFWRG and of the VFW.
- 2. Alcohol consumption during VFWRG sanctioned riding activities is prohibited.
- 3. VFWRG policies should address General Conduct of VFWRG members, and outline steps in correcting misconduct.
- 4. VFWRG members may be dismissed from a meeting or activity/ride because of inappropriate behavior.
- 5. VFWRG members are responsible for the actions of their guest(s) at a VFWRG event. Actions of a guest of the member or can be grounds for dismissal of the guest and/or the VFWRG member.
- 6. The VFWRG must remain neutral with respects to MC's. Regarding MC Club House or other MC specifically sponsored events, if you decide to attend, you are not permitted to wear any VFWRG vest or other VFWRG clothing, hats, pins, etc., without the expressed written consent of the VFWRG State President and District President. Failure to strictly abide by this subsection can result in immediate expulsion of the individuals and removal of the VFWRG Charter. Please refer to the Biker Protocol 101 document found on our website www.vfwohriders.com, under the resources tab.

# 13. REPORTING

- 1. VFWRG's shall make a monthly report to its sponsoring unit using the VFWRG Activity Report (enclosure 6, page 19 of this document).
- 2. VFWRG will make a quarterly report to the State President using enclosure 6.
- 3. The State President will make the annual reports to the National VFWRG Advisory Committee using enclosure 6.
  - 3.1. A full accounting of VFWRG members and to include VFW Members, VFW Auxiliary Members.
  - 3.2. Their activity, which should include the number of VFWRG events, mileage, and hours.
  - 3.3. An accounting of funds raised and disbursed by the VFWRG for the year.

## 14. OFFENSES

- 1. Individual members or entire VFW Riders Groups who have committed offenses recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Section 902 of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual may be subject to disciplinary action and may be assessed the penalties provided in this Article.
- 2. The VFWRG Advisory Committee or the State President may temporarily suspend an individual or VFWRG for up to 90 days pending investigation for offenses recognized in paragraph 14.1, as well as failure to abide by the VFWRG Ohio Policy.

3. Inspections shall comply with Section 710 of the VFW National Bylaws. The VFW Ohio Department Commander, and VFWRG State President assume the Commander in Chief and Department Commander roles, respectively.

# 15. WAIVERS AND LIABILITY

All VFWRG members will complete a yearly renewal form that states the member has a valid driver license and insurance. This will be conducted by the members District Secretary. See VFWRG Membership Application and Release Form, enclosure 4, page 17 of this document.

Ride activities by the sponsoring unit will be required to have liability release waivers for each participant outside of the VFWRG, regardless of age or status, if those individuals will be participating in or on a motor vehicle for the event. See VFWRG Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement, enclosure 5, page 18 of this document.

Waivers and liability release forms will comply with the National Policy as well as guidelines from the American Motorcycle Association (AMA).

Sponsoring units will be required to have proof of general liability insurance to protect such units and must name, as additional insureds, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the Department in which the sponsoring unit is located, the State of Ohio VFW Riders Group as well as the National VFW.

This Policy is hereby effective on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

Kari E. Pfifer

By order of Kari Pfeifer Commander Dept. of Ohio Veterans of Foreign Wars

#### Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States OHIO MOTORCYCLE RIDERS GROUPS (VFWRG OH) REGISTRATION FORM (POST)

Commander VFW Ohio ATTN: VFWRG Presiden 35 E Chestnut Street Suite 506 Columbus, OH 43215	t ATTN: 4 406 W. 3	General, VFW Administrative Operations 84 <sup>th</sup> Street City, MO 64151	DATE
In conformity with the Nat	tional By-Laws and Man	ual of Procedure; Resolution 304 of th	e 118 <sup>th</sup> National
Convention; and the guide	lines thereby established	,	
VFW Post No.	located in	POST N	AME
has authorized and hereby		POST CHARTER CITY	AND STATE
5	5 5 1		
<u> </u>	GROUP NAME (RECOMMEND	ED AS "VFW RIDERS, POST #, CHARTER LOCATION	)
as a subordinate unit of the	e Post, to promote and su	pport the programs of the VFW, motor	rcycle safety, and to
provide a social atmosphere	re for members who shar	e the same interest.	
	1 1		
The following member has	s been identified as a VF	WRG officer:	
President:		MEMBERSHIP # EMAIL ADDRESS	
In addition, we seek the co (Attach patch design)	nditional approval of the	e attached design(s) to be used as our r	iders group patch.
The Post has reviewed VF	WRG National and Depa	artment guidelines and authorizes said	subordinate unit.
POST COMMANDER:			
_	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
DEPARTMENT HEADQU	UARTERS ENDORSEM	IENT	
I have reviewed the above	request and find no conf	lict with any policy or procedure adopt	ted by the Department
	request and find no conn	net with any policy of procedure adopt	ted by the Department.
VFW RIDERS GROUP OHIO STATE F	RESIDENT	SIGNATURE	DATE
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER or ADJ	JUTANT PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
NATIONAL HQ USE ONLY			
DATE RECEIVED:		□ APPROVED PATCH	
D POST IN GOOD STA	NDING	UVFW LOGO AUX LOGO	OTHER

DATE ACK'D:

AUTHORITY:

#### Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States OHIO MOTORCYCLE RIDERS GROUPS (VFWRG OH) REGISTRATION FORM (DISTRICT)

Commander VFW Ohio ATTN: VFWRG President 35 E Chestnut Street Suite 506 Columbus, OH 43215

Adjutant General, VFW ATTN: Administrative Operations 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street Kansas City, MO 64151

DATE

In conformity with the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure; Resolution 304 of the 118th National

Convention; and the guidelines thereby established, Department of \_\_\_\_\_

District No. , VFW, has authorized and hereby registers a riders group known as:

GROUP NAME (RECOMMENDED AS "VFW RIDERS, DISTRICT #, DEPARTMENT)

as a subordinate unit of the District, to promote and support the programs of the VFW, motorcycle safety, and to

provide a social atmosphere for members who share the same interest.

The following member has been identified as a VFWRG officer:

President: \_\_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP #

EMAIL ADDRESS

DEPARTEMNT

In addition, we seek the conditional approval of the attached design(s) to be used as our riders group patch. (See attached patch design)

The District has reviewed VFWRG National and Department guidelines and authorizes said subordinate unit.

ATTESTED BY: DISTRICT ADJUTANT:	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE

#### DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ENDORSEMENT

I have reviewed the above request and find no conflict with any policy or procedure adopted by the Department.

VFW RIDERS GROUP OHIO STATE PRESIDENT	SIGNATURE	DATE	
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER or ADJUTANT PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE	
NATIONAL HQ USE ONLY			
DATE RECEIVED:	□ APPROVED PATCH		
□ DISTRICT IN GOOD STANDING	□ VFW LOGO □ AUX LOGO □ OTHER		
DATE ACK'D:	AUTHORITY:		

## Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States OHIO MOTORCYCLE RIDERS GROUPS (VFWRG OH) REGISTRATION FORM (DEPARTMENT)

Commander VFW Ohio ATTN: VFWRG President 35 E Chestnut Street Suite 506 Columbus, OH 43215

Adjutant General, VFW ATTN: Administrative Operations 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street Kansas City, MO 64151

DATE

DEPARTMENT NAME

In conformity with the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure; Resolution 304 of the 118th National

Convention; and the guidelines thereby established, the Department of \_\_\_\_\_

VFW, has authorized and hereby registers a riders group known as:

GROUP NAME (RECOMMENDED AS "VFW RIDERS, DEPARTMENT NAME)

as a subordinate unit of the Department, to promote and support the programs of the VFW, motorcycle safety, and

to provide a social atmosphere for members who share the same interest.

The following member has been identified as a VFWRG officer:

MEMBERSHIP #

EMAIL ADDRESS

In addition, we seek the conditional approval of the attached design(s) to be used as our riders group patch. (Attach patch design)

The Department has reviewed VFWRG National guidelines and authorizes said subordinate unit.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
ATTESTED BY: DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:			
	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE

NATIONAL HQ USE ONLY	
DATE RECEIVED:	APPROVED PATCH     VFW LOGO     AUX LOGO   Other
DATE ACK'D:	AUTHORITY:

#### Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States MOTORCYCLE RIDERS GROUPS (VFWRG) MEMBERSHIP (PARTICIPANT) APPLICATION AND RELEASE FORM

#### PREREQUISITE

You must be the legally registered owner of a street-legal motorcycle (500CC minimum) and must possess a valid motorcycle drivers license in your state of residence, and maintain proper levels of insurance; or passenger thereto; or non-riding persons volunteering on behalf of the group in an active supporting role. You must be a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), VFW Auxiliary, or an invited participant.

Adult Invited Participants (Support Members): If requested, MUST agree to and provide a local law enforcement background check prior to joining the VFW Riders Group. Your signature on this form is your acknowledgment and acceptance of this requirement and authorization for the background check.

#### **RIDERS GROUP INFORMATION**

SELECT ONLY ONE				
DISTRICT	DEPARTMENT			
APPLICATION TYPE SELECT ONLY ONE	NEW APPLICANT	VFW RIDEF ANNUAL POC UPDATI	RS GROUP NAME E	
□ RIDER (OPERATOR)	□ PASSENGER □ NON	N-RIDING VOLUNTEER		
PERSONAL INFORMATIC	<u>DN</u>			
NAME (PLEASE PRINT)		STREET ADDRESS		
PHONE		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
EMAIL ADDRESS		DATE OF BIRTH		
□ VFW or VFW AUX M	EMBER MEMBERSHIP #		POST NO.	
□ LIFE MEMBER	ANNUAL MEMBER E	XPIRATION:		
□ INVITED PARTICIPANT	SPONSOR (VFW or AUXILIARY ME	MBER) MEMBER:	SHIP #	POST/AUXILIARY No.
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#### \*\*\*THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM, READ BEFORE SIGNING\*\*\*

I agree that the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States, the VFW Auxiliary, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Riders Group (VFWRG) unit sponsored by any Post, District, or Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents (hereinafter, the "**RELEASED PARTIES**") shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any VFW or VFWRG unit activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all VFWRG members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all VFW and VFWRG activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities. I release and hold the "**RELEASED PARTIES**" harmless for any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from participation in VFW and/or VFWRG activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE OR BRING ANY LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE "**RELEASED PARTIES**" FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR RIDER GROUP DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

#### WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from *any* state statute that would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnity Agreement. By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the "**RELEASED PARTIES**".

SIGNATURE	DATE			
RIDER (OPERATOR) ONLY				
MOTORCYCLE:				сс
MAKE	MODEL		YEAR	ENGINE DISPLACEMENT
DRIVER'S LICENSE:				$\Box$ YES $\Box$ NO
NUMBER	ST	ATE	EXPIRATION DATE	MOTORCYLE ENDORSEMENT
INSURANCE CARRIER:				

#### Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States MOTORCYCLE RIDERS GROUPS (VFWRG) Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

The undersigned (on my own behalf and on behalf of my heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns), for and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in VFWRG activities (hereinafter, **EVENT(S)** sponsored and/or conducted by the VFW Riders Group and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents, HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES, COVENANTS NOT TO SUE and HOLDS HARMLESS the VFWRG, the VFW Post, District, County Council, Department, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and the respective officers, directors, management, members, volunteers and employees of each (hereafter, the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**) from any and all claims arising from or in connection with: (i) the conduct or management of the VFWRG or EVENT; (ii) any act, omission, or negligence of the VFWRG or any VFWRG member or participant; (iii) any accident, injury, or damage whatsoever occurring during or related to any EVENT. The undersigned understands and acknowledges that a participant may incur personal or bodily damage while participating in these activities, and assumes all risks inherent in these activities and accepts full and complete responsibility for any and all damages or injury of any kind.

This Release extends to any and all claims I have or later may have against the "**RELEASED PARTIES**" resulting from or arising out of the performance of their duties whether or not such claims result from negligence (except willful neglect) with respect to the **EVENT(S)** or with respect to the conditions, qualifications, instructions, rules or procedures under which the **EVENT(S)** are conducted or from any other cause. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE OR BRING ANY CLAIMS WHATSOEVER AGAINST ANY OR ALL OF THE "**RELEASED PARTIES**" FOR ANY INJURY RESULTING TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

I am experienced in and familiar with the operation of motorcycles and fully understand the risks and dangers inherent in motorcycling. I am voluntarily participating in the **EVENT(S)** and I expressly agree to assume the entire risk of any accidents or personal injury, including death, which I might sustain to my person and property as a result of my participation in the events, and any negligence (except willful neglect) on the part of any or all of the "**RELEASED PARTIES**" in performing their rider group duties.

#### WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this release and Indemnification Agreement, including but not limited to Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

"A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing this release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES."** 

#### THIS IS A RELEASE - READ BEFORE SIGNING

Rider/Passenger (Minors must have a parent/guardian signature attached)

NAME (PLEASE PR		HILD) requires parent/guardian signa	ature:	
CHECK ONE:	□ RIDER (OPERATOR)	PASSENGER		
		EVENT LOCATION		

## Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States MOTORCYCLE RIDERS GROUPS (VFWRG) ACTIVITY REPORT

MONTHLY QUARTERLY ANNUAL

#### **RIDERS GROUP INFORMATION**

SELECT ONLY ONE	2										
□ POST	□ DISTRICT □	DEPARTMENT									
				VI	FW RIDER	RS GROUP NAME				LOCATION	
President:											
	NAME		MEMBERSHIP #		EMAIL A	DDRESS			PHO	DNE	
MEMBERS	SHIP STRENGTH										
VI	FW MEMBER(S)	AUXILIA	ARY MEMB	ER(S)		INVITED PA	ARTICIPA	NT(S)			
<u>ACTIVITY</u>											
DATE		EVENT	#	FOF RIDERS	MILES	TOTAL MILES	HOURS	TOTAL HOURS	EXPENSES	FUNDS RAISED	FUNDS DONATED

TOTALS								

Data accumulated will be used by the National VFWRG Advisory Committee to prepare a national report to be presented to the Commander-in-Chief prior to the start of the National Convention. Please ensure reports are submitted prior to June 1st.







Item # VFWRGOHVET

Item # VFWRGOHAUX

Item # VFWRGOHSUP

# **Authorized VFW OHIO Back Patches**



#### Proper Patch Placement

(The vests depicted are only used as examples for patch placement. VFWRG Ohio does not specify what style black vest is required.)

Enclosure 8



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Ship To:	From:	ORDER DATE
、 [Name]	VFWRG District 4 Ohio	
[District #]	c/o Roy Tenhundfeld	
[Address]	4003 Andrews Avenue	
[City, ST ZIP]	Cincinnati, OH 44202	
[Phone]	(513) 827-2255	
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[Email]

Notes: Make checks payable to VFWRG District 4 Ohio. Orders will not be filled without full payment. Only District Presidents or Treasurers are authorized to procure VFWRG Back Patches. \*\*\*District Riders Groups that do not participate in the VFWRG Department Back Patch funding program will be

charged the same price per patch as found on the VFW Store.\*\*\*

ltem	VFWRG OHIO BACK PATCH	Qty	Unit Price	Line Total
1	VFW MEMBER PATCH Item # VFWRGOHVET		\$35.00	
2	VFW AUXILIARY PATCH Item # VFW0HAUX		\$35.00	
3	VFW SUPPORT PATCH Item # VFW0HSUP		\$35.00	
Signature of Authorized Purchaser: SU				
	SI	HIPPING:		\$20.00

# VFWRG OHIO PATCH ORDER FORM

TOTAL:

VFWRG Ohio District 4 / (513) 827-2255 / rtenhundfeld@zoomtown.com