

**Department of Colorado
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES**

**VFW WARRIORS MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION
COLORADO VFW STATE POLICY**

Article I. General

August 15, 2020

Section 1. Jurisdiction and Authority

1.1 Colorado VFW Warrior Motorcycle Organization (Colorado VFW Warriors) shall be formed and operated under the jurisdiction and authority of the Department of Colorado, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

1.2 The Colorado VFW Warriors shall at all times, strictly comply with VFW National and State By-Laws and Manuals of Procedure including any and all rules or regulations following the adoption of this Policy within the National, State, district and local VFW Post .

1.3 All money, property, or assets of any kind or nature, owned, held or used by Colorado VFW Warriors shall be the property of the District or Department and must be placed in the care and custody of the respective Quartermaster and shall be subject to the same rules and under the same procedures as any other District or Department money, property, assets, books and records. The books and records of the VFW Warriors District Chapter will be made available to the District Commander for review quarterly. (Reference Sec 709, VFW National By-laws)

1.4 Suspension, Disbanding, or Dissolved for Cause. The VFW Warriors in any district or post may be suspended or dissolved for cause. Section 211 of the VFW Bylaws and Manual of Procedures will be the authority and procedures used for the suspension or dissolution of a VFW Warriors Chapter except that the authority is that of the Department Commander.

Section 2. Objectives and Purpose

The purpose of COLORADO VFW WARRIORS MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION is to promote Colorado State VFW missions, develop growth for the VFW, and increase community awareness of VFW functions; to promote interest in various forms of motorcycle activities that will foster camaraderie amongst members; and to encourage a better understanding of motorcycle riding as a constructive sport among members of the VFW, and the Public.

Section 3. Name, Patch and Uniform

The name of this organization shall be "COLORADO VFW WARRIORS MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION". The identifying back patch for the "COLORADO VFW WARRIORS MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION will be the member's appropriate logo (in the case of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars the VFW Maltese Cross; in the case of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary the VFW Auxiliary Maltese Cross) centered with the VFW District and Post Number below and with V.F.W. WARRIORS above.

Section 4. Eligibility for Membership

All members of the Colorado VFW Warriors shall be members in good standing with either the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Each must be the legally registered owner of a properly insured motorcycle and must possess a valid motorcycle drivers license or a rider thereto.

Section 4a. Support Riders Classification

A District VFW Warriors Chapter may, at their discretion and by a 2/3 majority vote of its members, authorize the inclusion of Support Riders in their organization. Such supporter classification does not constitute membership in the VFW nor come with the promise of any material, financial, or political benefit to the Colorado VFW Warriors, its members or Chapter; nor to any other member at any other organizational level within the VFW; nor there be any similar gains for the honoree through the conferring of "Supporter" status, but is intended as a means to provide recognition to those who show strong support to the VFWRG programs and events. Prospective supporters must, without exception, be the legally registered owner of a properly insured motorcycle and must possess a valid motorcycle driver's license in their state of residence (military equivalents acceptable as well) or a rider thereto. All supporters eligible for membership in the VFW or one of its Auxiliaries shall become members in good standing. All articles of clothing worn by "Support Riders" shall contain the word(s) "I support" or "Supporter".

All "Support Riders" will be bound by the VFW National Bylaws and Manual Procedure. A "Support Rider" must be sponsored by a member in good standing in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Colorado VFW Warriors Motorcycle Organization. The number of "Support Riders" in any District VFW Warriors Organization will not exceed 20% of the non-Support Rider VFW Warrior members in that district.

The identifying patch for the "Support Rider Classification cannot be the VFW Maltese Cross or the VFW Auxiliary Maltese Cross. The Support Rider patch will be worn on the front of the vest and will not be a back patch.

Section 5. VFW District "Warrior" charter

5.1 A Colorado VFW District whose members are interested in furthering the purposes of COLORADO VFW WARRIORS MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION may affiliate with COLORADO VFW WARRIORS MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION and obtain an organizational charter.

To be eligible to obtain a charter, such a Colorado VFW District must have dedicated members to maintain and conduct logistical operations to sustain a charter. Each Colorado VFW District wishing to obtain a charter must pass a motion on the floor of a regular district meeting authorizing the formation of a District VFW Warriors Chapter and the display of their district number on the Colorado VFW Warriors patch of that District VFW Warriors Chapter.

The District Commander must submit a memorandum of authorization to the Department Commander. Authorization is subject to the approval of the Department Commander.

5.2 Membership in a District VFW Warriors Chapter is limited to members of VFW Posts in that District.

5.3 For members of a VFW Post to join a District VFW Warriors Chapter, a motion must be passed on the floor of a regular meeting of that post authorizing membership of its members in that District VFW Warriors Chapter and the display of their post number on the Colorado VFW Warriors patch of that District VFW Warriors Chapter.

The Post Commander must submit a memorandum of authorization to the Department Commander with a copy of memorandum to the District Commander. Authorization is subject to approval of the Department Commander.

5.3 Each Colorado VFW Warriors District Chapter will be managed by one or more elected officers, the number of officer to be as needed in accordance with the number of members in that District Chapter. The officers may include a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sargent at Arms, and as many road captains as needed. The VFW Warriors District Chapter President, when elected, will be confirmed by the VFW Warriors President and the Colorado VFW Department Commander. All officers will be selected from those VFW members and Auxiliary members in good standing who are also members of that Colorado VFW Warriors District Chapter. In addition, the Commander and Quartermaster of that district, by virtue of their offices, shall be ex officio members of chapter.

5.4 The officers shall exercise such supervision over the members of its District VFW Warriors Chapter as will insure the protection of the VFW name and property.

5.5 The District Chapter President, or his designated representative, shall report the chapter activities at all regular meetings of the District.

5.6 Expenditures and receipt of funds shall be in accordance with the VFW National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.

5.7 All Books, papers, accounts, records and proceedings pertaining to the Colorado VFW Warriors and any VFW Warrior Chapter shall be subject to inspection at all times by the Department Commander or his representative.

Section 5a. VFW Warrior District Chapter disbandment

5a Any VFW Warriors District Chapter that is ordered to be disbanded for any reason, the funds of that Chapter will remain with the VFW District Quartermaster and be transferred to the District General Fund.

Section 6. Discipline of Membership

6.1 The Colorado VFW Warriors shall foster a motorcycle-mentorship learning program. Additionally, Colorado VFW Warriors members will proudly display the designated back patch, which shows that they are members of the COLORADO VFW WARRIORS MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION and must always conduct themselves as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

6.2 A membership may be terminated by a 2/3 majority vote of the District Chapter members if such membership would be contrary or detrimental to the purposes of COLORADO VFW WARRIORS MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION and or the VFW or if a member does not satisfy the requirements for membership. Such termination may only occur after the member has been notified in writing about the proposed termination of his or her membership and is provided an opportunity for rebuttal to the proposed termination. All rebuttals will be in written format, followed up by the member's oral presentation at the next District Warrior General Membership meeting. All written arguments will be handed over to the District Chapter President within fifteen working

days from notification. If the District Chapter President has not received his or her written rebuttal within the fifteen working days, then it is assumed that the member agrees with his or her proposed termination.

6.3 Any person whose membership in COLORADO VFW WARRIORS MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION would be contrary or detrimental to the purposes of COLORADO VFW WARRIORS MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION and/or the VFW may be refused membership by a majority vote of the General Membership, chaired by the District Chapter President.

6.4 Discipline will be handled at the VFW Warriors District level thru the National Procedure Guide for Disciplinary actions in accordance with Article IX, current VFW by-laws and Manual of Procedure.

6.5 - Appeals for membership termination and disciplinary actions will be to the Department Commander, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the imposition of penalties. Section 904 VFW Manual or Procedures will serve as the guideline for the appeal process.

Section 7. Implementation and Enforcement

7.1 The Colorado State VFW Warriors Council of District Presidents will consist of the District VFW Warriors Presidents, one District Chapter member (per district), and the State VFW Warriors President and State VFW Warriors Vice President. The State VFW Warriors President and State VFW Warriors Vice President will be elected by the District VFW Warriors Presidents and confirmed by the State Commander.

7.2 The State VFW Warriors President represents the State Commander and District VFW Warriors Presidents, with the mission to liaison and support both entities and reports to/through the Colorado Council of District VFW Warriors Presidents.

7.3 The State Commander hereby recognizes the COLORADO VFW WARRIORS MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION and is charged with the responsibility and authority to implement and enforce these Policies. He may delegate authority at his sole discretion. He may publish rules, regulations, guidelines and/or procedures hereunder.

APPROVED BY: Original with Signature on file
VFW COLORADO STATE COMMANDER: Department of Colorado
On this 22nd day of, September 2020 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.