



**PURPOSE**

The mission of the 27-4 Long Range Riding Platoon (LRRP) is to foster camaraderie within the chapter through participants attendance at events outside the borders of our home state as well as in state events that are approved by the 27-4 chapter Board of Directors. 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 to 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 27-4 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”, “27-4” 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 chapter participant who completes the 27-4 LRRP requirements shall be authorized to wear the LRRP Guidon and mileage tabs. 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 27-4.

## OVERVIEW

The 27-4 chapter LRRP one time participation fee may be made at any time and does not exclude any miles logged before payment. All miles logged will become effective on day one, when an individual 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 followed by “total miles” tab patches at designated increments/miles. 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 27-4. The 27-4 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. Those persons eligible to participate are (Full, Support, Auxiliary and Family members), riders/passengers.
  - 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 chapter Board of Directors 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 are; 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. Pay a one-time \$20 participation fee to cover costs of all patches including the initial Guidon patch and all accruing mileage tab patches.

6. **START/FINISH:** Each year mileage accumulation starts on the day of the 27-4 annual chapter Christmas party. Miles accumulation for the year finishes the day before the 27-4 annual chapter Christmas party. End of the year miles will be added to their total miles accumulated from each previous year of participation. At the 27-4 annual chapter Christmas party the most miles accumulated for that year may receive special recognition.
  
7. Upon closure of each yearly mileage log (the day before the annual chapter Christmas party) the Lead Road Captain/mileage records keeper will provide the chapter Secretary with a copy to be kept with all other chapter records.
  
8. Mileage is typically obtained from 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.
  
9. Submit an e-mail recording the miles traveled and the event name/location to the chapter Lead Road Captain/miles record keeper. A safe return home email addressed to the google group is acceptable. Please include name or road name as messages sent from cell phones do not always identify the sender. Please include in the email the following information:
  - a. Written explanation of the route to be ridden if the mileage is more than the calculated mileage from the mapping tools, (i.e., excess mileage was because of a side trip in route to/from the planned event). Note: excess mileage may be subject to review and approval of the chapter BOD.
  - b. Detailed explanation of the event.
  - c. As an option, for approved events outside of the chapter one can qualify miles via the consolidated attendance roster and route with the mileage determined by the designated chapter Road Captain for members that participated in the group ride to/from each approved event.
  - d. For chapter approved events a CVMA 27-4 sign in roster will be available for chapter participants to obtain credit for attendance at the event and therefore record mileage associated with the event.

NOTE: Participants are encouraged to maintain their own personal ride and mileage log.

To mark continual accomplishments in the LRRP a mileage tab will be awarded. Each tab will have the total cumulative miles ridden. It is intended to be placed on top or bottom of the LRRP Guidon patch. The chapter 27-4 LRRP guidon patch represents participation in the chapter's LRRP program .

The first accumulative mileage tab will be awarded at 2,500 miles. All tabs will be at 2,500-mile increments; 5,000 miles, 7,500 miles, 10,000 miles, 12,500 miles up to 15,000 miles. Miles accumulated after the 15,000 mile award will then accrue by 5,000-mile increments; 20,000, 25,000, 30,000 and 35,000 and upward. Extra/replacement guidon patches will cost \$10 and mileage tabs will cost \$4.00.

**\*REMINDER:** It must be a specific route to attend an official chapter Board of Directors approved event (these events are listed on the chapter calendar of events)..

National CVMA Long Range Riding Platoon – Finish the Mission! and Tri-State awards can be found on the national CVMA website at [www.combatvet.us](http://www.combatvet.us).



Questions or inquiries may be directed to the chapter Lead Road Captain/miles record keeper or the chapter BOD.

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