



Purpose: The mission of the VIRGINIA 27-4 Long Range Riding Platoon (LRRP) is to foster camaraderie within the Chapter through the member's attendance at events outside the borders of our home state as well as events located within our state borders that are sanctioned by the 27-4 Chapter Board of Directors. In addition, it is to encourage members to break through their personal riding barriers, to reach out and put some hard earned miles on their motorcycles. The LRRP is strictly voluntary and is open to all chapter members 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 member's mileage that was devoted to non-profit events. This mileage is deductible from the member's income taxes at the end of the calendar year thus providing an added incentive for members to participate in these events. Participation will also foster support to all veterans.

Patch: The VIRGINIA 27-4 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 member who completes the VIRGINIA 27-4 LRRP requirements shall be authorized to wear the LRRP Guidon. This patch recognizes chapter members for their long distance riding accomplishments. Each awardee shall be entitled to continue to wear this award regardless of their Chapter affiliation once they leave the VIRGINIA 27-4 Area of Operations as a showing of their accomplishments to others CVMA chapters.

Overview: The 27-4 LRRP will become effective on day one, the day each individual becomes a chapter member and does not end. It will run continuously throughout duration of their membership with 27-4. Upon completion of eligibility requirements participants will be awarded the LRRP Guidon followed by "total miles" patches at designated increments/miles. All patches will be awarded annually at our chapter Christmas party.

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

1. Be the operator of the motorcycle. Passenger miles regardless of membership type will not count and cage miles will not count. Since riding motorcycles is a key portion of the overall CVMA mission, hauling your motorcycle to events is not permitted. The only mode of transportation allowed for the LRRP is the motorcycle. Event miles if the bike is trailered do not count towards LRRP. Additionally you must be wearing your CVMA vest in order for miles to count.

2. Ride a minimum of 1,000 documented miles to events sanctioned by the Chapter Board of Directors, i.e. Region 2 events- Blue Ridge Thunder, Quantico- Memorial Day/Veterans Day Runs, Bull Run III, Run for the Wall, 27-1 Poker Run, NC CVMA Benefit Run, NC Charlie Mike Run, NC Vietnam Vets Welcome Home, TN CVMA Ghoststock, CVMA National Convention, Military Funeral Escort and other events sanctioned by the Chapter Board of Directors. Miles accrued during chapter sanctioned Iron Butt Association rides will be counted towards the LRRP award, as well as entitling the rider to the chapter sanctioned Iron Butt patch.

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 first mileage tab will be awarded at 2,500 miles. All other tabs will be at 2,500 mile increments; 5,000 miles, 7,500 miles, 10,000 miles, 12,500 miles, 15,000 miles and upward.

***REMINDER: Personal weekly rides or daily travel does not constitute entrance into the LRRP. It must be a specific route to attend an official Chapter Board of Directors sanctioned event (these events are listed on the chapter calendar of events). Travel to/from any chapter sanctioned meetings, travel to/from chapter sanctioned events, travel to/from State Sanctioned meetings or events or travel to/from out of state sanctioned CVMA events are usable miles for credit.**

a. Submit an e-mail recording the miles traveled and the event name/location to the Chapter Secretary. A safe return home email addressed to the google group is acceptable. Please include name or road name as messages sent from I phones do not always identify the sender.

i. 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.

ii. Written explanation of the route to be ridden if the mileage is in excess of the calculated mileage from the mapping tools. (i.e., excess mileage was because of a side trip in route to/from the planned event)

iii. Detailed explanation of the event

iv. As an option 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 sanctioned event.

b. Members may maintain a ride log resembling what is used for the 1,000 mile Iron Butt qualifier, an example can be found on the Iron Butt Website
<http://www.ironbutt.com/ridecerts/getdocument.cfm?DocID=1>

c. For chapter sanction events a CVMA 27-4 sign in roster will be available for chapter members to obtain credit for attendance at the event and therefore record mileage associated with the event.

1. In order to gain credit for a 1,000 mile “Iron Butt” ride, the participants must complete a scheduled CVMA 27-4 LRRP qualification ride.

a. Sign in on the ride roster at the beginning and end of the ride

b. Maintain accountability of all fuel stop receipts

c. Maintain their own individual ride log to be submitted at the end of the ride for credit from the Iron Butt Association.

2. This is a program designed to bring forth camaraderie and understanding amongst the members of our chapter, and to provide the chapter members with an official record of miles traveled in support of non-profit activities. It is not designed as a method to segregate members from one another.

3. As with any other CVMA 27-4 sanctioned ride, safety is paramount and it is incumbent on the rider to come to the event prepared, and ready for the rigors of the event. Any member who is witnessed conducting an unsafe act will be dismissed from the ride, not allowed to finish, and their “miles” will not be validated for the event or the earning of the LRRP patch.

4. Questions or inquiries may be directed to any CVMA 27-4 Officer.