



THE CAV

CONSTITUTION

Amended November 4th 2010

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Page</u>
CAV CONSTITUTION	2
THE CAV ORGANIZATION	2
CAV Structure	2
CAV Kitshop Inc.	4
THE CAV TERMS OF REFERENCE	4
CAV APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS	7
Executive Positions Selection	7
DISCIPLINE	8
Conflict Resolution	8
Dismissal Action	8
CAV AWARDS	9
UNIT FLAG PROTOCOL	9
MEMBERSHIP IN THE CAV	10
Membership Requirements	10
Membership Fee	11
Joining Package (Jp)	11
Membership Application Process	11
Ordering Joining Package (Jp) Supplies	11
CAV PRIMARY CONTACT LIST	12
CAV PHILOSOPHY	12
CAV WAIVER	14



CAV CONSTITUTION

CAV CONSTITUTION

Objective. The Constitution is a guideline for the management and conduct of The CAV

Components. The Constitution is comprised of two components:

☞☞ **CAV Constitution.** The working document that assists the day-to-day operation of the organization. The articles listed herein are guidelines for assistance to the CAV's leadership. The CAV President and his/her staff can effect changes to the Constitution for the betterment of The CAV.

☞☞ **CAV Philosophy.** Although contained within the Constitution, TheCAV Philosophy, including the Base Principle, form a separate and independent document within the Constitution. Amendments and changes to TheCAV Philosophy are governed by a membership referendum cannot be amended without a referendum asprescribed below.

Amendments To The CAV Constitution

Remaining within the intent of the Base Principle and the CAV Philosophy, changes to this Constitution are within the purview of the CAV President and CAVHQ staff.

Amendments To The CAV Base Principle & Philosophy

Amendments and changes to The CAV Base Principle and Philosophy require a CAV – Wide General Referendum where a minimum of 80% of all CAV Members (excluding Veteran Supporters) vote. A clear majority of 80% is needed to make amendments.



THE CAV ORGANIZATION

CAV STRUCTURE

Veteran-Based. The CAV is a veteran-based motorcycle organization focused on units belonging to a specific formation under the umbrella of the National CAVHQ.

CAV Names. Legal name is The Canadian Army Veteran Motorcycle Units, and abbreviated (The) C.A.V. MU. Other abbreviations include C.A.V. or CAV and combinations

The CAV Organization. Comprised of the following: ☞☞ National HQ. The National Executive, which includes the Honorary Rider-in-Chiefs, CAV OLD GUARD and the Skirmishers. ☞☞ 1st CAV formation comprised of various units ☞☞ 2nd CAV formation comprised of various units. ☞☞ 3rd CAV formation comprised of various units. ☞☞ CAV International includes the UK, Continental Europe and USofA and their various units.

Unit Names. Unit's names are derived from Canadian and/or Newfoundland military battle honours and

are not based on territory. All Unit Battle Honour name proposals for new units are to be sent to the National VP for confirmation, who will then seek approval from the National President for the naming.

Veteran Definition. A veteran is defined in accordance with the NATO and Canadian standard and includes any Regular or Reservist who has completed their MOC (trades) training and has served a minimum of one year in service. Note: This does not include the Cadet Corps or CIL staff unless they have seen service as a Regular or Reservist. The CAV may also consider RCMP uniformed personnel that have served overseas in an active theater of operations with the CF.

CAV Members. The CAV is comprised of the following members:

☞ **Veteran Members.** These are military veterans and/or CF serving military personnel. They have full voting privileges and may hold any position within The CAV including President positions.

☞ **Veteran Supporters.** Civilians, who although have never served in the military, have always had the military's 'back', looking after our families while CF personnel conducted training and operations. Veteran Supporters normally do not have any voting privileges; however, a unit may decide, from time-to-time, to allow Veteran Supporters voting privileges on certain unit matters. Veteran Supporters may also hold any position in TheCAV except President positions.

☞ **CAV Old Guard.** Surrounding our organization there exists a class of individual that must be identified, by cresting awarded to them by our riders. This crest, to be worn above the individual's name, will state The OLD GUARD . The OLD GUARD are those that due to their life experience and personality, provide a bridge between all generations of veterans, citizens and riders. These members may be awarded this cresting at unit level, or nationally during a ride, at a meeting, or any public forum, presenting proof of our recognition of their energy and status as those that have "been there, done that". All Rider-in-Chiefs are automatically part of The OLD GUARD.

CAV Skirmishers, Skirmishers' Role. The Skirmishers are de facto nationally controlled sgt-at-arms. Skirmishers are to set the example for all CAV members. Failing to do so, Skirmishers are subject to more severe disciplinary action than the normal chain-of-command membership. The Skirmishers' role and activities are sanctioned and governed as stipulated in this section (below).

Skirmishers' Mission. Skirmishers are the guardians of The CAV Philosophy, otherwise referred to as the 'green ink' in The CAV Constitution.

Skirmishers' Tasks. Tasks are only assigned by and under the authority of The CAV National HQ. All Skirmisher network tasks involving the CAV chain-of-command are solely directed and controlled by National HQ. To clarify, unit and/or formation executives, or for that matter the Skirmishers themselves, cannot initiate any task action within the CAV chain-of-command unless sanctioned and directed by CAV National HQ.

Authority. The CAV National HQ sanctions the Skirmishers' network; 'sanction' meaning that National HQ brought the Skirmishers network into being and is the ultimate authority in their governance.

- Skirmishers are responsible to the National HQ only.
- Skirmishers abide by The CAV Philosophy, and their own strict, additional internal laws.
- Skirmishers are outside and not part of the normal CAV chain-of-command.
- Skirmishers do not interfere with the CAV chain-of-command unless so authorized by National HQ.

- Skirmishers have no authority over formation and unit presidents, including the respective chain-of-command unless so directed by National HQ.
- Skirmishers are responsible for their own internal affairs and policing. However, National HQ directs and retains the final authority over the Skirmishers, their membership, internal disciplinary issues, and their mission tasks.
- Skirmishers are **NOT** 'untouchables'. As required, from time-to-time, National HQ may intervene in the Skirmisher internal affairs to ensure proper Skirmisher functioning and discipline.
- CAV National HQ may add additional constitutional items relating to the CAV Skirmishers' governance at any time.

CAV KITSHOP INC.

CAV KitShop Inc. Incorporated as part of The CAV organization nationally, legally registered business, owning The CAV logo, trademarks and copyrights, and supplies exclusively all CAV/VAC merchandise.

Incorporation. CAV Kitshop Inc. is contracted and licensed as the sole source of CAV merchandise, exclusive to all others. CAV Kitshop Inc. is not a public corporation.

Reporting Responsibilities. CAV Kitshop Inc. reports to its Board of Directors, and shareholders who elect the Board of Directors. Board of Directors and Officers report to CAVHQ and organization, in accordance with federally mandated bylaws.



THE CAV TERMS OF REFERENCE (CAVTOR)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

National Executive

President. The CAV President is a military veteran with overall responsibility to all CAV members and will follow and enforce the CAV aims and objectives and The CAV Philosophy. *zz* Final approval of establishing CAV units world wide *zz* Approve final staffing procedures with formation presidents, allowing as much local control as possible and within The CAV Philosophy. *zz* Establish protocols that will further the positive profile of the CAV and its aims, and membership. ie; awards programs. *zz* Include all Canadian veterans and serving riders in the CAV mission to identify to the world the resource that these individuals represent. *zz* Protect and guard The CAV Philosophy.

National Vice-President (VP). Appointed by CAV President. Act as a replacement in the president's absence. *zz* "Up to speed "on any aims/objectives and the CAV Philosophy. *zz* Must be kept apprised of any matters directly involving policy/personalities at any level of CAV. *zz* Coord with formation presidents in breakdown of any CAV policy/directives. *zz* Act as an 'uplink' from formation HQs on matters brought to his attention that will need to be discussed at CAVHQ. *zz* Further the CAV Philosophy, aims and mission of the CAV. *zz* Act as the 'velvet' at times or 'strength ' as directed by the president, to coord formations' and units' adherence to national guidance. *zz* Responsible for coordinating and drafting plans for national rides and events. The VP will conduct liaison with the formation presidents in the formulation of these plans, incorporating their feedback into national events. The

VP will provide sufficient coordinating detail to allow 1st, 2nd and 3rd CAV formations, as well as CAV International to prepare their own plans to support the national events ❧❧ **Initiate, delegate, control and coordinate Special Projects.**
❧❧ Responsible for updating The CAV Constitution as directed by the President.

National Sergeant-at-Arms. May be appointed by CAV President. The CAV Sgt at Arms is responsible to the other members of the exec and The CAV in the capacity as the RSM. Traditions, Discipline, Standards and Enforcement are to be detailed by National, Every member of the C.A.V will assist the Sgt at Arms in the implementation of these aims. Politics is of no interest to The CAV, but the Sgt at Arms will achieve his coord within the CAV and while dealing with outside organizations using tact, strength and honour. We are a veteran-based organization with a positive outlook on all matters. However, we will not tolerate anyone with a negative agenda. CAV/VAC skirmishers act as our “National Sergeant-at-Arms”.

National Road Captain. Appointed by CAV President. The CAV Road Captain has overall policy-operational coord as far as safety and movement of TheCAV ❧❧ National events are to be coord through the CAV Road Captain. ❧❧ Transportation, safety, Canada policy changes will be passed onto formations by the CAV Road Captain ❧❧ Responsible for the maintenance of the Rider’s Handbook.

CAV Webmaster. Appointed by CAV President, and reports directly to the CAV President.
❧❧ Maintain the CAV web site ❧❧ Maintain the CAV aliases emails ❧❧ Maintain The CAV Forum
❧❧ Supervise and coordinate the national Webmaster Team. ❧❧ Coordinate and establish electronic communications between the National Executive, formations and units

CAV Special Project OPIs. Appointed by CAV President , CAV VP or CAVHQ as required to OPI specific major projects. Special Project OPIs report directly to the National VP.

CAV Rider-in-Chiefs. All Rider-in-Chiefs are honorary appointments. These are the riders we point at proudly, one in each formation and a national rider, who by their past and current example set the standard. National and formations may appoint a Veteran Supporter Rider-in-Chief. All Rider-in-Chiefs are automatically appointed to the OLD GUARD.

CAV OLD GUARD. “OLD GUARD” are those that due to their life experience and personality, provide a bridge between all generations of veterans, citizens and riders. These members may be awarded this cresting at or nationally during a ride, at a meeting, or any public forum, presenting proof of our recognition of their energy and status as those that have “been there, done that”. The OLD GUARD is an advisory group to the National Executive on any issue as requested.

CAV Padre. The CAV Padre administers to the moral health and welfare of CAV members. He provides such appropriate instruction for The Padre’s Corner web page, and other spiritual activities as required and when called upon. He is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the Remembrance Board. The CAV Padre assists in all matters spiritual and humanitarian moralities on behalf of all religions, denominations, and including those who may be atheists or agnostic and wish his guidance.

CAV Mom. A special lady of age, who’s past life experience, sets the standard and respect of all CAV members and supporters.

CAV Formations Executive

Formation President. Formation Presidents are military veterans. The CAV President appoints the formation president. The formation president, be it 1st, 2nd or 3rd CAV are responsible for the bulk of the administration of all units in their respective formation. ❧❧ Act as liaison between the units of the formation and CAVHQ on The CAV’s aim, policies and national events and Rides. ❧❧ Coord SOP procedures and between their units and the KitShop. ❧❧ Coord membership and Joining Pkgs between

their units, CAVHQ and the KitShop. *⚡⚡* Maintain membership Joining Pkg stock at their location. *⚡⚡* Coord formation-size Rides. *⚡⚡* Maintain the respective formation Event Board through the CAV webmasters. *⚡⚡* Assist units in other capacities. *⚡⚡* Assist CAVHQ as required.

Formation Vice-President. The Formation President appoints the VP. The primary function of the Formation VP is to assist the President in developing ride events and plans. Further, the VP should not be co-located with the president but should reside elsewhere in the formation's area.

Formation Sgt-at-Arms. The Formation President may appoint the Sgt-at-Arms to augment skirmishers. The primary function of the Formation Sgt-at-Arms is to assist the President in individual disciplinary and morale problems.

Formation Road Captain. The Formation President appoints the Road Capt (s). This appointment may be temporary or permanent as decided by the respective 1st, 2nd, or 3rd CAV formation

CAV Units Executive

⚡⚡ Executives will follow the CAV Philosophy and Constitution. *⚡⚡* A majority of Unit Executives are required to Pass Unit Policy *⚡⚡* Executives will appoint tasks to members as needed, and set timings /places for Unit activities. *⚡⚡* Executives may authorize Unit expenses up to 50\$ without a Unit vote. *⚡⚡* Executives will educate and guide all they can reach within the CAV Aims of "**STRENGTH and HONOUR**"

Unit President. A unit president is a military veteran. There are two methods that used to select unit presidents, through unit elections with the winning nomination being approved by the respective Formation President for a specific term or appointed by the respective Formation President. Tasks include: *⚡⚡* Upholds The CAV Philosophy and Constitution operating policies *⚡⚡* Responsibility for unit. *⚡⚡* Conducts meetings, controls rides *⚡⚡* Coordinate unit executives and members activities *⚡⚡* Maintain unit files *⚡⚡* Public relations contact for all outsiders *⚡⚡* Collect photos and info for unit updates of unit website *⚡⚡* Correspondence inside and outside unit.

Unit Vice-Presidents (VP). The unit president appoints the VP. The VP will assist the Unit President as required in running the unit and dets.

Unit Sgt-at-Arms. The unit president appoints the Sgt-at-Arms. *⚡⚡* Discipline and tradition in unit *⚡⚡* Responsible for unit property and recovery of same *⚡⚡* Assists all executive and members in daily operations *⚡⚡* New member orientation *⚡⚡* Liaison as directed by president-outsiders or members. *⚡⚡* Manages dues and other funds *⚡⚡* Assists president in website, releases, info.

Unit Road Captain. The unit president appoints the Road Capt(s) who will: *⚡⚡* Overall control of all road moves *⚡⚡* Plan ride routes *⚡⚡* Control group and individual movement *⚡⚡* Appoint group leaders and Traffic control individuals as required. *⚡⚡* Coord with charity ride organizers to offer assistance *⚡⚡* Brief CAV Riders on routes and safety as requested. *⚡⚡* Advise members on bikes and safety equipment as requested. *⚡⚡* Educate CAV Riders to road etiquette. *⚡⚡* Educate CAV Riders to road signals, procedures, and group riding.

Unit Web Reporter. The unit president appoints the website reporter in order to provide the unit with an ability to have photos uploaded and have events added to events board through formation webmaster. Also ,crucially, to brief all unit members on formation and national website issues and events.

All CAV Members

Members' responsibilities are to all members of the CAV. We must conduct ourselves in public and private situations with the understanding that our actions will identify all veterans on and off motorcycles. Ours is an honourable organization. We will gain strength and honour from our connection to all Canadian army veterans, especially through our motorcycling activities. Veteran supporters are welcome to share the ride with us following these same conditions.

CAV HQ exists to coord our national and international formations. In order to have consistency in the wearing of items by CAV members, only black vests are to be worn, in addition the only item that shall be worn on the rear centre panel of the vest shall be the CAV veterans or Supporters crest. There shall be no other tags, patches, or crests above or below the CAV crest.



CAV APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS

Foreword – Founder And First President The CAV

The CAV primary focus is on enjoyment and riding. This focus must and will remain the primary consideration over the organization and TOR with The CAV. Political lobbying, politicking, personal agendas will never be tolerated. The CAV is about our brothers and sisters coming together, sharing past experiences, riding and helping established charities whenever possible. This is and will remain the base principle of The CAV. In short, ***The CAV is about Riding, Having fun and helping others, our motto is “Strength and Honour” - Trapper Cane, Founder and the first President The CAV.***

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS SELECTION

General. CAV executive positions are found at the unit, formation and national levels. These executive positions have little to do with prestige. Rather, they are suited for members who possess administrative and organizational capabilities and are willing to put in a lot of work to ensure The CAV base principle of FUN n RIDE.

Appointments vs Elections. The CAV at all levels; unit, formation and national will always retain the authority to appoint executives at various levels. This is a safety catch to be used in the best interest of The CAV as a whole and the safeguarding of the base principle and CAV Philosophy. This authority specifically relates to setting-up newly established units and formations until such units and formations have matured sufficiently. For established units and formations with a strong foundation, a simple electoral process will evolve. Important to note though, the safety catch of appointing, maintaining simplicity, and foremost ensuring the base principle, will always take precedence over any election attempts that have either gone sour or if the unit or formation is not yet prepared to conduct elections.

Conduct of the Election Process. The election process may differ from formation to formation or unit to unit. However, as a minimum, the following principles will be followed:

President Elections! All presidential nominees must be CAV members, either CF serving members or military veterans.

⚡⚡ *Simple!* Life is complicated enough. Keep elections simple. ⚡⚡ *Fast!* Elections are not what we are about. So get them done with the best people filling the executive positions. ⚡⚡ *No Campaigning!* And, no in-fighting! ⚡⚡ *Post Duration!* On the outset of the election process, the maximum term of office should be stated.

Unit Appointments and Elections. As it will be apparent in the Unit TOR, below, the focus of The CAV is at the unit level where units normally have much autonomy to run themselves in accordance with the base principle. The unit electorate for unit elections are the respective unit members. Other unit executive positions, such as VP, Sgt-at-Arms, and Road Capt are the unit president's personal staff to administer the unit. The unit president has the authority to either appoint this staff or turn it over to the unit members to elect these positions

Formation Appointments and Elections.

Formation presidents must be CAV members, either CF serving members or military veterans. Formation electorate for formation elections are units' presidents of the respective formation. Other formation executive positions, such as VP, Sgt-at-Arms and Road Capt are the formation president's personal staff to administer the formation. The formation president has the authority to either appoint this staff or turn it over to the units' presidents to elect certain formation positions.

National Appointments and Elections.

The National President must be a CAV member, either CF serving member or military veteran. Electorate for national elections are formations presidents, and as required for vote breakers, the immediate Past National President and the immediate Past National VP.



DISCIPLINE CONFLICT RESOLUTION

General. There will always be personality clashes in any organization. The CAV is not exempt. Members must remember to show respect to others and their opinions, their beliefs and their personality traits. If you don't like another member in The CAV, be polite, mature but keep some distance. Don't make mountains out of molehills, or create issues that will enflame your whole unit or beyond. If there is a conflict in a unit, the unit members should try to sort it out first before requesting assistance from outside the unit. If the conflict is moving beyond a single unit and effecting others then the formation will intervene. Have other members, Old Guard reps, even from other units and formations have a look at the situation and provide a nonbiased solution. If dismissal from the CAV is warranted then follow the procedures in the Constitution. In other words only National can dismiss a

member.

DISMISSAL ACTION

General. The CAV Strength and Honour contract is completed on joining and at renewal annually in accordance with CAV/VAC bylaws. The CAV strives to retain a high level of honour, respect to other CAV members and the principles of The CAV There are two types of dismissal:

⚡⚡ Membership Dismissal for severe breeches of discipline (the final decision rests with the National President) ⚡⚡ Dismissal from an Executive staff position or dismissal as a unit or formation president. This type of dismissal is **not** a membership dismissal.

In most breeches of discipline, it is hoped that the respective unit or formation are in a position to correct the breach without a membership dismissal.

Membership Dismissal -Improper Behaviour.

The CAV members are by no means angels. Coming from military backgrounds this is impossible. The major concern is that such incidents are not persistent, nor do they bring public discredit to The CAV and most importantly the members.

Membership Dismissal -Disrespect To Other Members. As CAV members, we should always show respect to others even if in disagreement. Slandering another member in front of other members or in public by any means is unacceptable.

Membership Dismissal -Disrespect To The CAV Principles. The CAV Principles and their intent should be followed to the best of any member's ability. There may be at times a requirement to bend the principles, but for the benefit of the CAV and its members. Deliberate contravention to the CAV principle could be subject to dismissal.

Removal From Executive Positions, Excluding President Positions. These types of dismissals are **not** necessarily discipline related. This is **not** a membership dismissal. It is up to the respective president to remove these executive staff as they are his/her staff. This applies to all staff at all levels, unit, formation and national. The dismissal of unit or formation presidents must be approved by the National President.



CAV AWARDS

Canadian Army Veterans Motorcycle Unit, our organization, the CAV has been made aware of a class of individuals, nation wide, who deserve recognition both by the CAV and the public at large. We are strengthened in our riding by the presence of many, including Veterans' Supporters, Veteran Sponsors, and Veterans that have come before us and contributed much to their country and as importantly by Canadian citizens who serve their communities daily. We recognize excellence around us in several ways:

- ☞☞ **'Honourary Riders-in-Chief'**. These are the riders we point at proudly who by their example set the standard.
- ☞☞ **'OLD GUARD'**. ☞☞ **'Veterans' Supporters'**. Those who ride alongside our veterans but have never worn the uniform.
- ☞☞ **'CAV Proficiency Riders Winged Wheel Crest'**. A crest showing a rider's high riding standard.
- ☞☞ **'Veteran's Sponsor's'**. These are the people that support us logistically. ☞☞ **'CAV Citizenship Award'**. Presented by units to recognize an individual who have lived their life by strength and honour.
- ☞☞ **'CAV Hometown Heroes'**. Those veterans in our community that have served, and continue to serve. ☞☞ **CAV Community Service Award'**. Presented to deserving citizens for excellence in serving their community. ☞☞ **'CAV Honour Plaques'**. These are awarded to individuals by a unit to recognize someone who has gone out of their way and deserves recognition.



UNIT FLAG PROTOCOL

The CAV crests that we wear on the back of our vests are **not** colours; they are simply crests. The colours set are two actual flags, one a Canadian flag and the second, a unit flag. Each unit has a colours set. At many national charity events a colour parade often precedes the riders through the community. As well, we remember the focal point unit flags provide at unit events. Each unit Sgt at Arms holds a national flag and unit flag, and these will be flown as directed by unit presidents. Position of honour will be given

in order of precedence:

☞ national flag, ☞ flags of other sovereign nations in alphabetical order, ☞ the flags of provinces of Canada in the order in which they joined confederation, ☞ flags of the territories of Canada in the order in which they joined confederation, ☞ the flags of municipalities/cities, ☞ And finally the flags/banners of organizations.

i.e. the CAV. When the national flag of Canada is raised or lowered, or when it is carried past on parade or review, all present should face the flag, men should remove their hats, and all should remain silent. Those in uniform should salute. CAV Flags may have pins/crests attached to anywhere except the central panel that contains the C.A.V Logo. The unit flags are designed to have 3/8" wooden dowels inserted in the end pocket. A tie should be sewn to the bottom of the unit flags to prevent the flag from sliding off the pole. Any flag style mounting hardware/plywood support may be used to attach the flag system to a passenger backrest. Often heavy-duty nylon "zip fasteners" will work.

Requests for replacement of unit or formation flags are addressed to CAV Kitshop manager.



MEMBERSHIP IN THE CAV

If you are a veteran or serving CF member, own a motorcycle, thinking about owning one or just want to be part of this active veteran organization, you should consider a membership with your nearest CAV unit. If you have never served in the Canadian Forces but wish to support CAV's efforts, or wish to Ride alongside veterans, check out Veteran Supporters.

Membership Requirements

Veteran Rider:

☞ A military veteran or serving CF member, and owns a Motorcycle or Trike. ☞ Full membership with full voting rights in their respective units.

☞ Must adhere to wearing of a black vest only ☞ Wears "The CAV Veteran Crest" on the back of the vest, and is awarded the Winged Wheel for proficiency in Riding and Rules of the Road, by the membership of the

respective unit. The Winged Wheel is worn on the front of the vest, the tag indicating the member's Unit Battle Honour is worn on the front of the black vest along with their Year Stripes; Silver for each year a C.A.V. Rider and Gold for each 5th year. ☞ The only item allowed for wear on the back of the vest will be the CAV Veteran crest, no other items are to be worn on the back.

Veteran non-Rider:

☞ A veteran or serving member, who doesn't own a motorcycle, but wants to support The CAV events.

☞ Must adhere to wearing of black vests only. ☞ Full membership with full voting rights in their respective unit. ☞ Wears "The CAV Veteran Crest" on the back of the vest, the tag indicating the member's Unit Battle Honour is worn on the front of the black vest along with their Year Stripes; Silver for each year a C.A.V. Rider and Gold for each 5th year. ☞ The only item allowed for wear on the back of the vest will be the CAV Veteran crest, no other items are to be worn on the back.

☞ If at any time in the future the veteran non-rider decides to own a motorcycle a probation period will be determined by the respective unit before the Winged Wheel is awarded. Once awarded, the Winged Wheel is worn on the front of the vest.

Veteran Supporters

☞ Not a veteran or a serving member, and may or may not own a motorcycle. Participates in any CAV

activity. ~~§§~~ Must adhere to wearing of black vests only. ~~§§~~ Voting rights in their unit. No voting rights in the respective formation or nationally unless respectively permitted by the formation president or National President ~~§§~~ Wears The CAV Supporter Crest on the back of the vest, the tag indicating the member's Unit Battle Honour is worn on the front of the vest. If a Veteran Supporter rides then they will be awarded the Winged Wheel for proficiency in Riding and Rules of the Road, as decided upon by the membership of the respective unit. The Winged Wheel is worn on the front of the vest. Year Stripes; Silver for each year a C.A.V. Rider and Gold for each 5th year will be worn on the front of the vest. ~~§§~~ The only item allowed for wear on the back of the vest will be the CAV Supporter crest, no other items are to be worn on the back.

Membership Fee

~~§§~~ Initial year, as per current Membership instruction; ~~§§~~ Each subsequent year, as per current Membership instruction.

Joining Package

Initial Year:

~~§§~~ Access to the member's area of the web site ~~§§~~ The CAV Crest veteran or supporter (*NOTE: The CAV Crest is at all times the property of The CAV Kitshop.*)

~~§§~~ The CAV Winged Wheel for Proven Riders ~~§§~~ Unit name tag

Each Subsequent Year: ~~§§~~ Continued access to the member's area of the web site ~~§§~~ Year slash ~~§§~~ Insurance CAV year pin.

Membership Application Process

Creasing of new applicants is based on the voucher system with each unit vouching for an applicant and the Proven Rider Winged Wheel.

1. **APPLICANT:** an applicant makes an application using the application form found on the site or a hard copy given to him by the unit point of contact
2. **APPLICANT & UNIT:** the applicant sends the application to CAVHQ, giving a copy to the respective (nearest) unit point of contact
3. **UNIT & 1, 2, or 3CAV:** the unit point of contact will vouch for this member by sending the applicants name to the respective 1, 2, or 3 CAV President via the best means (eg email) indicating applicant's name and the unit, as well indicating if the applicant is a Proven Rider and should receive his Winged Wheel.
4. **CAVHQ:** CAVHQ will approve the applicant on receipt of the application and money order subscription dues by informing the respective 1, 2, or 3 CAV President via best means (eg email) indicating applicant's name and the unit that the new member is joining.
5. **1, 2, or 3CAV:** The respective 1, 2, or 3 CAV President once he has received the notification from CAVHQ, will request the Joining Package from the membership coordinator and deliver the JP to the unit.
6. **UNIT:** The respective unit point of contact can then make the presentations to the appropriate new members.

Ordering Joining Package (JP) Supplies

All JP supplies are produced and stocked through the QM kitshop@thecav.ca in Kingston. These are controlled items for the JPs only and are not for sale. The CAV Crests in particular remain the property of The CAV Kitshop. The Membership Co-ordinator will

maintain a stock of JPs, both vet and supporter.

Ordering Process. *☞☞* **New Member:** When a potential new member applies to a unit, the Unit President reviews the application, interviews the applicant and submits the application to the membership coordinator for the appropriate JP. The Membership Coordinator will confirm with the QM when the applicants money order has been received. The Membership Coordinator will then forward an appropriate JP from the stock to the respective Unit President. The Unit President will present the JP to the new member.



CONTACT LIST

Key Email Directory

EMAIL	UNIT	LOCATION
CAVHQ@theCAV.ca	The CAV HQ	Waterloo, On.
cavkitshop@sympatico.ca	The CAV KitShop	Frankford, On.
webmaster@theCAV.ca	Webmaster	Ameliasburg, On.

Mailing Address Cav HQ PO Box 154 Frankford, ON K0K 2C0



CAV PHILOSOPHY AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE C.A.V BASE PRINCIPLE & PHILOSOPHY

Amendments and changes to The CAV Base Principle and Philosophy requires a CAV – Wide General Referendum where a minimum of 80% of all CAV Members (excluding Veteran Supporters) vote. A clear majority of 80% is needed to make amendments.

CAV BASE PRINCIPLE and MOTTO

“Ride, Have Fun while Helping Others”
“Strength and Honour”

CAV PHILOSOPHY

1. The CAV philosophy is designed to make this veterans’ riding organization enjoyable, respecting not only the service of members and Veteran Supporters but also appropriate treatment of all as responsible, law-abiding adults. The CAV Philosophy contains three parts: *☞☞ Intent ☞☞ Guidelines ☞☞ Rules*

Intent

2. The intent of The CAV Philosophy: *☞☞ The CAV is a legitimate riding org, focused on riding with fellow veterans, CF members and Veteran Supporters. ☞☞ The CAV may participate on rides for already established charities. However, no member has to donate cash to the charity. Donations are an individual’s choice. ☞☞ The CAV endeavors to leave no veteran behind.*

☞☞ The CAV is a laid back collection of veteran-serving member and veteran supporter grouped under units in geographical regions called formations. ☞☞ The CAV units govern themselves in accordance with the CAV's philosophy. The focus of the CAV is on the units. ☞☞ Additional rules for units are not authorized unless agreed upon by that unit's membership, recommended by the formation president and approved by the CAV President. ☞☞ The CAV will never become a charitable status organization ☞☞ Any type or model of registered road motorcycle/trike is welcome.

3. In short, The CAV is here to have fun and not to puff out our chests as if we want to rule an empire.

Guidelines

4. These guidelines are common sense. The CAV must maintain a positive image at all times for itself and its members. ☞☞ All new riders will be on probation until such time that the unit membership and the unit president vouch that the rider has gained the necessary experience. After passing probation the rider will receive the C.A.V Winged Wheel. Units may vouch for new member riders they know to already be experienced motorcyclists. ☞☞ CAV members will vote on matters concerning their unit. Veteran supporters must be respected but normally do not have voting privileges. The unit president will have overall control of the unit but abide by the CAV philosophy. ☞☞ All members will respect each other regardless of the rank earned, or unit or trade served during their military career. ☞☞ The CAV does not control territory. We are a national veteran's motorcycle organization and have no interest in any form of politics, religion or power. ☞☞ Members will supply their own black leather vest. The back of the vest is to be reserved for the unit crest only. Riders may wear what they want on the front of the vest. Profanity shall not be displayed nor shall any derogatory wording to other groups or ethnic origins ☞☞ CAV KitShop Inc. is outside the CAV org and is a private corporation with exclusive rights to The CAV symbols and merchandise.

☞☞ Clothing standards are simple; the appropriate CAV crest on the back of a black vest. No rockers, or anything else are to be used that may confuse us with 1%'ers. The crest itself is not our Colours. Each unit does have its Colours but these are actual flags; a Canada flag and a CAV flag with the unit battle honour name.

Rules

5. The CAV rules are as follows: ☞☞ Under no circumstances will the CAV crest or affiliation be used for intimidation. The purpose of the CAV is to support its members and the Canadian community. We are not a gang, club or an outlaw organization. Wannabe 1%'ers will NOT be tolerated. ☞☞ No criminal activity of any kind by our member's will be tolerated. ☞☞ Only military veterans or CF serving members will hold titles as presidents, be it units, formations or CAV National. Presidents will abide by the governance as directed by the CAV President. ☞☞ No CAV unit, formation or nationally will volunteer as a CAV group to assist in providing security for existing charities. CAV members, as individuals and not representative of the CAV may volunteer but under their own auspices and responsibility. See CAV Waiver. ☞☞ CAV KitShop Inc. is the only agency outside of the CAV that will supply or authorize other manufacturers and retailers to produce and sell kit shop items. The KitShop will supply Joining Packages for the CAV. ☞☞ The CAV crest, symbols and names are trademarked and copyrighted, and are to be used only as directed by the CAV President in consultation with CAV Kitshop Inc. Board of Directors. ☞☞ Membership to the CAV will be paid yearly. This small annual fee defrays the costs of crests, website, promotional materials, CAV insurance etc. Fees will be paid to CAV HQ.



CAV WAIVER

The Canadian Army Veteran Motorcycle Units (CAV) will not be held responsible or liable in any way in cases of injuries or death, or damage to property during any riding event. All CAV Riders and members ride and participate on planned or unplanned event rides at their own risk and under their own responsibility in regards to abiding by traffic regulations and governing laws. Individual Riders are themselves solely responsible for their own actions, legal responsibilities and consequences of their actions and/or inactions.

Les unités des Vétérans de l'Armée Canadienne (V.A.C) ne sera pas tenue responsable ou LIABLE eurs actions et / ou inaction. en aucun temps : en cas de blessures ou de mort, dommages de propriétés durant toutes événements ou randonnées. Tout les membres / motocyclistes ou passager d'un membre de la VAC qui participe aux événements planifié ou nonplanifié, participent à leurs propres risques et est responsable de suivre les lois du code de la route et des lois gouvernante. Les membres sont eux-même responsable de leurs propre action, responsabilités légale et conséquences de.