



## REGIONAL BUFFALO SOLDIERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB POSTS

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### MISSION STATEMENT

After the Civil War ended in 1865, there was the need to continue the reconstruction period, bringing the Confederacy and Union together as the United States under one government. Therefore, the Military was reorganized, creating 60 Military Regiments, which included both Black and White former Confederate and Union Soldiers and freed Slaves. Six of those regiments created were of all Black Cavalry and Infantry Soldiers. We represent their history and legacy with pride and respect.

Whenever possible, we provide that history through spoken words and engaged demonstrations in various venues. We are an organization of genuine camaraderie amongst our motorcyclist and non-motorcyclist membership and not of ponderous cumbersome policies and rules. Love, respect and engaged community service commitment by members are the guide in every field and administrative tasks as our missions of brotherhood and sisterhood.

### POST GUIDELINES

#### 1. MEMBER POST'S PURPOSE:

To have members whose primary mission is to:

1. Protect and represents the history and legacy of the United States Army's Black American Soldiers, enacted 1866 after the Civil War, as an act of the 39<sup>th</sup> Congress and later nicknamed "Buffalo Soldiers, with distinguished pride and respect;"
2. With tenacity, engage in and support community service programs and projects that enhances the quality of life for all citizens, with emphasis on young people, in the spirit of the Buffalo Soldiers protection and service missions;
3. Build and strengthen collaborative relationships with other liked minded people and private and public sector community organizations and assist each in times of need whenever possible;
4. Promote safe and enjoyable motorcycling as an example for others to follow.

#### 2. POST REQUIRED DEVELOPMENT:

- A. Must first contact a Reginal Post Commander or Reginal Nomad, and announce intentions to become a member of our Color's Patch Buffalo Soldiers Post organization as reflected above.
- B. Must be sponsored by a Reginal Post Commander or Reginal Nomad, who will provide guidance.
- C. Must have responsible Executive Board Members in place to obtain approval. That is, "**Post Commander and Vice Post Commander**," as the Post's chain of command.
- D. Must create a "Not for Profit" Corporation through the Office of Secretary of State (SOS) in the State where Post will be located. Follow the Not for Profit Corporation guidelines requirements in accordance with the SOS office in the State where Post will be located.
- E. All legal governance of your Post Corporation will be in accordance with the SOS laws, regulations and rules in the State where Post is located.
- F. A probationary period shall be instituted by a member of this organization's command, sponsoring a person or Post, if the person or Post seeking membership has never been a member of a Buffalo Soldiers organization. However, a person or Post seeking membership that demonstrates past membership experience with a Buffalo Soldiers organization, engagement in our mission may be considered to bypass probation unless limited probation is required.

### 3. POST GOVERNANCE:

- A. In keeping in line with history, each post will be operated by a Post Commander and Vice Post Commander. The Vice Post Commander and any other Post Officers are appointed by the Post Commander. Such positions can be unappointed by the Post Commander.
- B. In keeping with the continuity of our philosophy and standards, there are no elections of officers. Once a Post Commander is appointed by the below founding members, that person will continue in such Post command until he or she retires, step down or is removed for just cause by the membership, with the input of the appointing founding members.
- C. Absolute power of a Post Commander is non-existent. The Post Commander is responsible to the Post's membership. Any administrative and/or field tasks are conducted by the Post Commander in the interest of the Post's membership and in accordance with this organization's Mission Statement and requirements listed above. The membership has the final say on any matters by majority of vote.

### 4. POST MEMBERSHIP:

- 1) A person seeking membership into this organization will not be considered, if at the time of membership inquiry, they are a member of another motorcycle club. Such person seeking membership must have not been a member of another motorcycle club for at least sixty (60) days before consideration can be discussed. Such consideration can be reduced according to agreement with founding members of this organization, but not less than thirty (30) days. However, a person seeking membership can be a member of a motorcycle riding association approved by the founding members, in our consideration process.
- 2) An approved member is responsible to the Post where they were approved membership.
- 3) Each Post is autonomous in the management of its members, Post's administration and field operations. Any approved member is based on the Post's, where membership is approved, written requirements for such membership, in accordance with our Mission Statement.
- 4) We strongly recommend a background check of each potential member before approval. We also strongly recommend each Post have guidelines as to the character of its members it approves for membership.
- 5) **Oath/Colors Patch:** Each Post's membership shall "***Solemnly Pledge***" to the Oath that must accompany the Colors Patch set. Each Post Commander or Vice Command shall approve any Colors Patch order.
- 6) **Membership Card:** After receiving approval by the Post Commander or Vice Commander, a membership card will be issued under the signature of that Post Commander or Vice Commander where approval is obtained. The membership card is the property of the approving Post and shall be returned to that Post upon termination or resignation.
- 7) **Liability Insurance:** Each Buffalo Soldiers Post shall maintain current liability insurance. Each approved member is personally responsible for maintaining their own personal liability insurance and will ***Indemnify all Buffalo Soldiers Posts***, under the same Colors Patch, against any and all claims arising from the member's action when engaged in Post's tasks.

**The aforementioned is the only requirements and guidelines for the creation of a Post under the same Colors Patch and any Nomad.** All other requirements for a member approved under a particular Post are the autonomy of that approving Post.

Posts Commander Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

Post Vice Command Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

**Founding Members:**

Toledo Post Command under leadership of Earl “Tabono” Mack: First Order

Toledo Post Command Melanie “Ms Mel” Clark

Kenneth “Highway” Coleman, Western Regional Nomad Commander: Third Order

Dennis “Morphaus” Stanford, Arkansas Regional Company Posts Commander: Forth Order