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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BUFFALO SOLDIERS AND
TROOPERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC:
“NABSTMC”

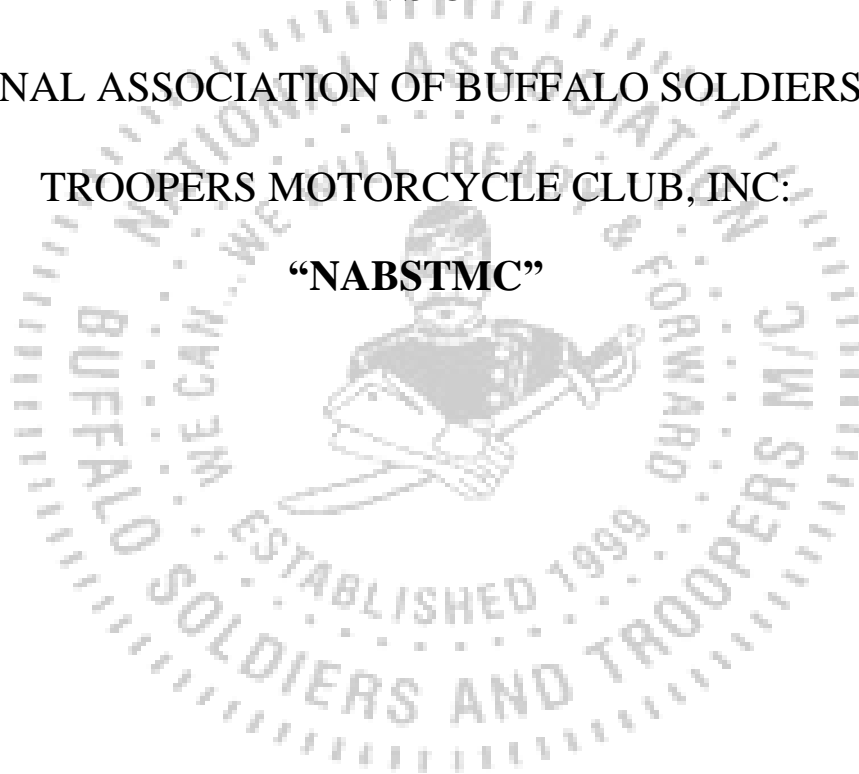


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ARTICLE 1: NAME AND LOCATION

1.1. **NAME:** The name of this corporation, which is a nonprofit corporation organized under the Nonprofit Corporation Act of the State of Illinois is: (The National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club, Inc.).

1.2. **HEADQUARTERS:** The National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club Inc. (NABSTMC) shall maintain its National Headquarters in the city of Chicago, in the state of Illinois, at the site of the “Mother” chapter of the NABSTMC.

1.3. **ADDITIONAL OFFICES:** The National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club Inc. (NABSTMC) shall maintain an additional office in the state of residence of the current NABSTMC National President.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

2.1. **GENERAL PURPOSE:** The NABSTMC is organized and operated for the following general purposes:

A. For charitable, educational and literary purposes or other specific exempt purpose within the meaning of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended) or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, including for purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which are recognized as exempt from tax under such 501(c)(3).

B. To be actively committed to community service including but not limited to providing positive role models to the youth in our communities, helping supply and volunteering our services at soup kitchens and working with the mentally and physically challenged adults and school age children.

C. Provide donations for local and national tax-exempt charities pursuant to 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code whose mission is harmonious with the NABSTM.

D. The NABSTMC is a private not for profit organization and does not discriminate based on race, gender, political or religious affiliation. The NABSTMC reserves the right to deny membership to anyone who is not deemed a good fit for the organization. Individuals who desire to become a member of the NABSTMC must apply to the NABSTMC chapter in their city of residence. The NABSTMC is not a fraternal organization.

E. Sponsor an annual essay contest to provide scholarships and other aid, on a needs base to under privileged high school seniors. Helping them to further their education.

2.2. SPECIFIC PURPOSE: TO PROMOTE SAFE MOTORCYCLING AND TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE RICH HISTORY AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE 9TH AND 10TH CAVALRY BUFFALO SOLDIERS.

ARTICLE 3: DEFINITIONS

3.1. FOUNDER/EMERITUS: The Founder and President Emeritus of the NABSTMC, is Kenneth “Dream Maker” Thomas. He is the only Founder of the NABSTMC and as the Founder and President Emeritus he is permanently on the National Council to provide advice and guidance to the National Officers and Council. Therefore, no other members are authorized to wear Founder on their vest. Members who start chapters will be known as Charter Members.

3.2. NATIONAL COUNCIL: The National Council is the decision-making body of the NABSTMC. The National Council is made up of the four (4) elected National Officers, current Presidents and Vice Presidents of all the chapters of the NABSTMC.

3.3. NATIONAL OFFICERS: The National Officers are the National President, National Vice President, National Secretary and National Treasurer. These positions are elected by a majority vote of the National Council every two years at the annual meeting of the NABSTMC. National Elected Officers can serve for two consecutive two-year terms then they must sit out one two-year term before being eligible for office again.

3.4. FULL PATCH MEMBER: Refers to all members of the chapters of the NABSTMC who have successfully completed all requirements of the local chapters and the NABSTMC and have been voted in as a full member by their local chapter; Requirements:

A. Must be legally licensed to operate a motorcycle.

B. Must own an insured road worthy motorcycle of at least 750CCs or more with a maximum of three wheels and handlebars. Vehicles with steering wheels and bucket seats are not motorcycles and will not be accepted in the NABSTMC as substitute for motorcycles or trikes.

C. Must have fulfilled all the local chapter’s “Hang Around” and probationary requirements.

D. All full patch members shall ride a MINIMUM of 1500 miles per calendar year (January thru December of each year). The minimum 1500-mile requirement must be fulfilled/completed during official chapter rides. Official rides are rides the chapter membership has identified as required.

3.5. PROBATIONARY MEMBERS: An individual in Probationary status also called “Probie” is an individual who has completed the “hang around” period and has been ASKED by the chapter to apply for full membership. The Probationary period is a minimum of six (6) months and will continue until voted into the chapter as a full patch member. Probies are expected to have a record clear of felony convictions. Those having felonies on their record must make this fact known and the situation reviewed by the National Elected officers and discussed with the chapter officers for resolution. This provision does not establish a blanket restriction on those who have prior felony convictions. Probies cannot have had membership in any other motorcycle club for the past one (1) year. Probies have no voting rights regarding chapter business.

3.6. PROSPECT/ HANG AROUND: A prospect also called “hang around” is an individual who is considering applying for membership into the organization. The “hang around” period gives the individual time to consider whether he/she can fulfill the commitment required by the NABSTMC. This period is also for socialization between the prospective member and the full patch members. During this time, the hang around is not obligated to the organization in any way nor is the organization obligated to the hang around. However, the hang around should be encouraged to participate as much as possible. The hang around period is for a minimum of three months.

3.7. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Associate membership is available to all “significant others”, wives, husbands, girlfriends, boyfriends, relatives or just friends of the chapter who are not eligible for full membership status but want to be involved with the NABSTMC organization. The number of associate members cannot exceed the number of full patch members in the chapter. Associate Members shall not vote on any NABSTMC national issue or business reserved by the local chapter for full patch chapter members. They may hold appointed positions but are not eligible for any elected officer position within the chapter. Owning a motorcycle is not a requirement to be an Associate Member.

3.8. HONORARY MEMBER: Honorary membership shall be available to any person who in the opinion of the chapter has substantially contributed to the promotion of the local chapter and the NABSTMC and the sport of motorcycling. It is recommended that honorary membership be limited to no more than (1) one honoree per every ten (10) full patch members. Honorary members will wear Honorary Colors.

3.9. CHARTER MEMBERS: These are members who started the chapter from the beginning. You must be an original member to be a charter member.

3.10. FRONTIERS: The NABSTMC has five (5) Frontiers composed of states/ providences with active chapters in each state / providence. The Frontiers are:

1. Northeastern Frontier
2. Southeastern Frontier
3. Central Frontier
4. Great Lakes Frontier
5. Western Frontier

3.11. FRONTIER COUNCIL: The frontier council is the collective group of the Chapter Presidents and Vice President of each local chapter within a frontier. Its purpose is to organize and host events in the frontier in addition to resolving issues referred to it from the chapters within the frontier. Issues not resolved at the Frontier Council level will be elevated to the National Council Appeals Committee (NCAC) for final decision to be signed off by the National President. Each chapter has one (1) vote on the Frontier Council.

3.12. STATE MOTHER CHAPTER: The State Mother Chapter is the first chapter that was formed in each state. The mother chapter has no administrative or decision-making authority over other chapters in the state.

3.13. MEMBER AT LARGE: Member at large designation refers to a current Full patch member of the NABSTMC who is not attached to a functioning chapter or has moved away from the chapter of which they were an active member to an open state (a state which does not have an active NABSTMC chapter) and are seeking to start a chapter in an open state.

3.14. OPEN STATE: A state that does not have an existing NABSTMC chapter.

3.15. LOGO / COLORS: Refers to the Buffalo Soldier center emblem or centerpiece worn on the back of all Members' vest. It was designed by and is the property of the founder of the NABSTMC, Kenneth "Dream Maker" Thomas and is on loan to the NABSTMC chapters (see 10.4).

3.16. CHAPTER VOTING RIGHTS: Each Full Patch member in good standing at the local chapter level shall be entitled to cast one vote with respect to those matters submitted to chapter members for action or approval. There shall not be any voting of members by proxy on chapter matters at the local level.

3.17. MEMBERSHIP DUES: All patched members of the NABSTMC shall pay national dues; associate members may or may not pay chapter dues at the discretion of their chapter.

3.18. NATIONAL / ANNUAL NABSTMC MEETING: The annual meeting of the membership shall be held at the location and time as determined by the National Council.

3.19. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL: A Special meeting of the National Council may be called at any time by the National President, with a majority of the voting members of the National Council or upon written petition by at least ten percent (10%) of the National Council members. Meetings can be held in person or cyberspace.

3.20. VOTING QUORUM: The presence of a 2/3 majority of National Council members shall constitute a quorum for the National Council to conduct business.

A. The National Council shall not conduct any formal actions, motions, decisions, and policies for any related functions on behalf of the NABSTMC absent a quorum unless specifically allowed under these Bylaws.

B. The National Council members present in person or in proxy at a duly organized meeting of the National Council may continue to do business until adjournment notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Council members that leaves less than a quorum. Less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting of the National Council.

3.21. VOTING: The National Council is the voting body of the NABSTMC. Each chapter of the NABSTMC shall have one (1) vote (one vote per chapter).

3.22. PROXY VOTING: Each declared chapter shall have one (1) vote. The President or Vice President will hold the vote. Upon notification from the Chapter President in writing, proxy votes can be cast. "Proxy" identifies a vote cast by a chapter member who is not the President or Vice President but is authorized by the president to assume their role in representing the chapter to the National Council. Proxies must be turned into the National Secretary no later than One (1) week prior to the National meeting. Unforeseen circumstances may occur and will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Final approval will be granted by the National President or designated appointee.

3.23. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP): All chapters of the NABSTMC shall develop SOP for the day to day operations of their chapters. The SOP shall not conflict with these by-laws. All chapters shall submit a copy of their chapters' SOP to the National secretary in order to receive their chapters' charter agreement. Those chapters failing to provide their SOP will not receive their charter agreement and shall be placed on probation until they comply.

ARTICLE 4: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

4.1. **RESIGNATION:** Any member of the NABSTMC may resign at any time by giving written or verbal notice to his or her local chapter. A chapter President may give notice of his / her resignation to their chapter or their Frontier Council Chairperson and or the National President.

4.2. **REMOVAL FOR CAUSE:** A Chapter member and or Chapter President can be removed by a majority vote of his or her chapter for cause due to:

- A. Dishonesty, in the performance of duties.
- B. Any act resulting in a felony conviction under applicable law.
- C. Egregious violation of the NABSTMC code of conduct, including failure to conduct oneself in an appropriate and professional manner. See article 16
- D. Egregious violation of the NABSTMC policies and procedures.
- E. An inability to get along and work with others.
- F. Repeated failure to meet expected deadlines or commitments.
- G. Any act of fighting amongst members of the NABSTMC whether it is on the National, Frontier or Chapter levels.
- H. Failure to pay Chapter and National dues within three months and one day, (91 days after) when said payments are due, will result in said member's termination. Members terminated may not renew their membership in the NABSTMC without paying all outstanding monies owed to the NABSTMC, (local and national).
- I. Abuse of power of elected or appointed positions.
- J. Use of media or social media to cast a negative light on the NABSTMC is prohibited.

4.3. **RETIREMENT:** All members with ten (10) consecutive years of good standing are eligible to retire from the NABSTMC and retain their “Colors”. When a member retires from their respective chapter they officially give up all voting rights with their chapter. **RETIRED MEANS RETIRED, YOU HAVE NO SAY OR VOTE.** If a retired member comes out of retirement the clock starts over, on the ten (10) years, before they are eligible to retire again. Retired members are not required to pay National Dues. NABSTMC retired members who continue to wear NABSTMC colors will be held to the same standards of conduct as an active full patch member. If misconduct is found on the part of the retiree, while wearing NABSTMC colors, they will be subject to disciplinary action that will result in the forfeiture of their colors. Retired members will maintain the local chapters’ bottom Rocker and wear a retired patch on the front of their vest. This is to preserve the integrity of the chapter and to be able to identify the individual’s home chapter.

4.4. **SUSPENSION:** Any NABSTMC member, in good standing, can be suspended for violation of any portion of these National By-Laws or their Chapter SOP as decided by the National Council or Chapter membership.

4.5. **DUE PROCESS:** Every member of the NABSTMC, in good standing, will be afforded Due Process if charged for violation of any portion of these By-Laws or their Chapters Standard Operation Procedures. (Due Process, Hearing at the local Level. etc.)

4.6. **MEMBER REINSTATEMENT:** Any former NABSTMC member who has resigned from any NABSTMC chapter may apply for reinstatement back into the NABSTMC as a member under the following conditions:

- A. They left the chapter in good standing.
- B. They have no outstanding debts to their chapter or the NABSTMC.
- C. They receive a majority vote for approval of reinstatement from the chapter they resigned from.
- D. If the former member is seeking to join a new chapter they must live within the chapter’s jurisdiction and receive a majority vote of acceptance by the new chapter.

ARTICLE 5: NATIONAL COUNCIL

5.1. GENERAL POWER: The National Council shall develop the policies of the NABSTMC. The National Council shall be comprised of the Presidents and Vice President of the local chapters of the NABSTMC. The National Council:

A. Maintain the NABSTMC for perpetual duration.

B. May sue and be sued, complain and defend and participate as a party or otherwise in any judicial, administrative, arbitrative or other proceeding in the name of the NABSTMC.

C. May have, use and alter at its discretion a corporate seal.

D. May not take possession of and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise or bequest any property real or personal necessary or desirable for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purpose of the NABSTMC as set forth in Article 2 of these By-Laws and to purchase lease or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use and otherwise deal in and with personal property or any interest therein, wherever located subject to any future alteration or modification made by general law as to the amount of real and personal property to be held by the NABSTMC.

E. May appoint and remove all officers of the NABSTMC, manage and control the affairs of the NABSTMC and to make such rules and regulations therefore not inconsistent with law or with the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, as they deem best.

F. Is responsible for overall policy and direction of the NABSTMC and shall designate responsibility for day-to-day operations to the National elected officers: National President, National Vice President, National Secretary and National Treasurer.

5.2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

A. No National Council member or National officers of the NABSTMC shall have any direct or indirect financial interest in or receive any compensation, substantial gifts or favors or other benefits as a result of transactions between any individual, corporation or business:

1. From which the NABSTMC purchases supplies, materials or property.
2. Which renders any service to the NABSTMC.
3. Which enters into leases or assignments to or from the NABSTMC.
4. To which the NABSTMC sells any of its products, materials, facilities or properties.
5. Which has any other contractual relations or business dealings with the NABSTMC.
6. Any conflict with the NABSTMC 501(C)(3) status.
7. Gifts valued over \$50.00 dollars.

B. If a National Council member believes that he or she may have a conflict of interest with respect to any particular transaction, he or she shall promptly and fully disclose the potential conflict to the National President and the National President should inform the rest of the National council. If the conflict is with the National President, he shall make the National Council aware of the conflict. The council, led by the Vice President shall resolve the conflict.

C. If any National Council member is about to assume an interest or other outside relationship which might result in a conflict of interest it is their responsibility to promptly and fully disclose all of the pertinent information to the National President who shall report all information to the National Council for resolution.

D. A member of the NABSTMC cannot be a member or on the board of another motorcycle club. The exception to this rule is membership in the following organizations: membership of other motorcycling manufacturing clubs such as Harley Owners Group (HOG) Chapter Clubs, Honda Clubs, Gold Wing Riders association and the Blue Knights (fraternal police), Red Knights (fraternal fireman) or similar military fraternal riding clubs such as AMVETS and American Legions.

ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

6.1. NATIONAL/ANNUAL: The meeting of the NABSTMC shall be held on a date and time to be determined by the National Officers for the purpose of conducting business in the best interest of the NABSTMC and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the NABSTMC at the annual meeting. If the annual meeting is not held on the date designated, the National Council shall cause the meeting to be held as soon thereafter as convenient. The Annual Meeting will consist of two (2) days:

A. The first day for National Council business.

B. The second day for dissemination of information to the general membership in attendance.

C. Hosting of the Annual meeting will be rotated thru the Frontiers in accordance with the Frontiers ability to accommodate the Annual meeting.

6.2. NATIONAL / ANNUAL MEETING CHAPTER ATTENDANCE: Every chapter shall have a representative, preferably the chapter President or Vice President, in physical attendance at every National/Annual meeting. Failure to meet this requirement by the chapter for two consecutive meetings will result in the chapter being placed on probationary status and the loss of voting rights at National Council meetings for two (2) years. Repeated failure to meet this requirement will result in the suspension of said chapter.

6.3. CYBERSPACE MEETINGS: The NABSTMC National Council will conduct as much business as possible in cyberspace. It will be up to the individual chapters to secure an email account for their President and or Vice president to be able to participate. It is recommended that each chapter be familiar with email as a means of communications and each club should have an official email address that is for club correspondence. The National Secretary will be responsible for disseminating information on any business discussions to the local chapters.

ARTICLE 7: ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

7.1. NOMINATION COMMITTEE: The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least one (1) National Council member from each Frontier selected bi-annually. The National President shall appoint the committee chairperson. Current elected National Officers may not be members of the National Nominating Committee. The Nominating committee shall present a slate of potential officers for consideration to the National Council for the offices of National President, National Vice President, National Secretary and National Treasurer.

7.2. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE: The National Elections Committee will have oversight of all elections for the National Officers including special or emergency elections. The Committee's primary goal is to ensure that elections are efficient and fair. The National Elections Committee shall be composed of at least one National Council member from each Frontier. The Elections Committee members must be in "good standing" i.e. all National and Chapter dues must be up to date. The National Elections Committee may solicit additional volunteers from the National Council at the time of elections in order to hold efficient elections.

7.3. ELECTIONS PROCESS: The election of the officers for the NABSTMC will take place and be completed during the National Meeting of the election year. The election should be the first item of business on the agenda after the lunch break on the first full day of the National Meeting of the election year. In order to vote and/or receive a ballot, a council member must be signed-in on the attendance form for the meeting.

A. A national council member who is not able to attend the annual meeting may designate a proxy.

B. A full patch chapter member who holds a proxy vote from their chapter's National Council member will receive one (1) ballot for the proxy vote that he/she holds. Upon the issuance of a ballot to the member holding the proxy vote he/she will sign off his/her name against the name of the proxy voter on the full list of members in good standing.

C. No ballots will be issued after the official voting has started.

D. The candidate with the most votes is declared the winner.

E. For the purpose of elections, all elected offices are declared open. The elected offices are: National President, National Vice President, National Secretary, and National Treasurer.

F. Those currently serving in appointed positions would continue to serve until the end of the National Meeting of the election year.

G. If a current National Officer is not re-elected, he/she will vacate the position at the end of the National Meeting of the election year. All officers leaving office have ninety (90) day's transition period to turn over all official documents, etc. Failure to do so may result in legal action.

H. Whenever there is a tie for an office there will be a run-off vote.

I. All five (5) National Election Committee members shall tally the votes. The National Election Committee will recount all tied votes and cases where the candidate has won by five (5) votes or less.

7.4. CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICE:

A. All National Council members in good standing and who have been a chapter president or vice presidents for a minimum of three years are eligible to run for elected office.

B. There shall be no nominations from the floor.

C. No candidate can participate in the oversight or management of the election.

D. Candidates for elected offices may be nominated or self-declare their intention to run.

E. All candidates (including incumbents) must declare their intention to run for office on or before May 31 of the election year.

F. A candidate may run for only one (1) office. If an incumbent is running for an office other than the one, he/she currently holds, he/she forfeits the right to run for his/her current office.

G. Candidates' names will appear in alphabetical order on the ballots.

H. All candidates will be given 5 minutes to speak prior to the election during the annual meeting of the election year.

I. An unopposed candidate will be declared the winner by acclamation.

7.5. **TERM OF OFFICE:** The regular term of office for each National Officer shall be two (2) years with the ability to run for a second two (2) year term. After completing two (2) regular terms of office, the National Officer must sit out one (1) two-year term before being eligible to run for office again.

7.6. **REMOVAL FROM OFFICE:** Any National Elected Officer may be removed for cause by a 2/3 vote of the National Council. At the Frontier level, a Frontier Council member may also be removed by a 2/3-majority vote of the Frontier Council. At the chapter level only a majority vote of chapter membership or majority vote of the National Council can remove a sitting Chapter President or Vice President.

7.7. **RESIGNATION:** See 4.1.

ARTICLE 8: OFFICERS

8.1. **NATIONAL ELECTED OFFICERS:** See 3.3

8.2. **NATIONAL PRESIDENT:** The National President shall be the primary Ambassador for the NABSTMC. The National President shall preside at all meetings of the National Council. The National President shall have general supervision of the affairs of the NABSTMC and perform all duties appropriate to the office of National President as identified in these Bylaws. The National President's duties shall include but not be limited to the following:

- A. Open the National meeting at the scheduled time in which the National Council is to meet by calling the members to order.
- B. Announce the business before the National Council in the order in which it is to be acted upon.
- C. Recognize members entitled to the floor to state and to put to vote all questions, which are regularly moved or necessarily arise in the course of the proceedings and to announce the result of the vote.
- D. Protect the assembly from the annoyance of frivolous or dilatory motions by refusing to recognize the member(s) making them.
- E. Assist in the expediting of business in every way compatible with the rights of the members, as by allowing brief remarks when non-debatable motions are pending, if he / she thinks it is advisable.
- F. Restrain the members when engaged in debate within the rules of order.
- G. Enforce on all occasions the observance of order and decorum among the members, deciding all questions of order (subject to an appeal to the National Council by any two (2) members) unless when in doubt he/she prefers to submit the question for the decision of the National Council.
- H. Inform the National Council, when necessary, or when referred to for the purpose on a point of order or practice pertinent to pending business.
- I. Authenticate, by his signature, when necessary, all the acts, orders, and proceedings of the National Council.

The National President may sign, with the National Secretary or any other proper officer of the NABSTMC authorized by the National Council, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments which the National Council has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the National Council or these Bylaws and such other duties as may be prescribed by the National Council from time to time.

8.3. NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT: The National Vice-President shall perform such duties and have such authority as from time to time may be delegated by the National President or by the National Council. The National Vice-President will chair committees on special subjects as designated by the National President and National Council. In the absence of the National President, the National Vice-President shall perform the duties of the National President. In the case of death or disability of the National President, the National Vice-President shall assume full responsibility of the National President position until the end of elected term. In the event that the National Vice- President assumes the position of National President, the National Vice-President position will remain unfilled until the National Council chooses someone to fill the position before an election can be held.

8.4. CHAPTER PRESIDENT: The Chapter President shall be the chief operating office of the local chapters of the NABSTMC. The President is subject to and under the supervision of the chapter membership. The Chapter President shall have general charge and responsibility of the business affairs of the Chapter. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter. The Chapter President shall have such other duties and responsibilities and may exercise such other powers as are usually incident to the position of President. The President shall appoint committees and committee chairpersons, as he/she deems necessary to conduct chapter business. The President shall have the power to call meetings of the chapter Executive Committee and shall make reports of work to the chapter membership at the chapter monthly meetings. The President may not vote on any motion before the chapter unless there is a tie. The President shall carry out all other responsibilities as assigned by these Bylaws.

8.5. CHAPTER VICE-PRESIDENT: At the request of the Chapter President, or in the President's absence or disability the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all of the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions as the President. The Vice President shall have such other duties and responsibilities and may exercise such other powers as from time to time may be assigned by the Chapter President or as may be provided in these Bylaws.

8.6. CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD: Local chapter executive boards shall consist of the Chapter President, Chapter Vice President, Chapter Secretary and Chapter Treasurer. If other chapter positions are on the Executive Board the positions shall be identified as such in the chapter's SOP.

8.7. NATIONAL AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND CHAPTER

SECRETARY: NOTE; (The assistant national secretary and the assistant national treasurer do not have to be members of the National Council but they must be full patch NABSTMC members in good standing). The National Secretary shall keep the official seal of the NABSTMC, the membership records and minutes of all annual meetings of the NABSTMC and provide copies of annual meetings minutes and financial reports by email to all National Council members within one (1) month after the annual meeting and provide hard copies of the same to all National Council members present at the next annual meeting. The National Secretary shall keep membership records containing names and addresses of each member, and the date upon which the membership began and when their membership ceased. The National Secretary shall give the notices of the special meetings of the NABSTMC as provided in these Bylaws. The National Secretary shall also maintain records of all official and legal documents of the NABSTMC. The Assistant National Secretary will assist the National Secretary with all of his/her responsibilities in the order designated by the National Council and shall perform all of the duties of the Secretary in the absence or disability of the National Secretary. The National Secretary shall perform such other and further duties as may be required by law or as may be prescribed or required from time to time by the National Council of the NABSTMC or these Bylaws.

8.8. CHAPTER SECRETARY: The Chapter Secretary shall have the same responsibilities as the National Secretary, as applied to the requirements and needs of the local chapter or these Bylaws.

8.9. NATIONAL TREASURER / ASSISTANT TREASURER AND CHAPTER

TREASURER: The National Treasurer shall have custody of all NABSTMC funds; keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of the NABSTMC, an inventory of assets, and a record of the liabilities of the NABSTMC; deposit all money and other securities in such depositories as may be designated by the National Council; disburse the funds of the NABSTMC as ordered by the National President or the National Council taking proper vouchers for disbursements; and prepare all statements and reports required by law, by the National President or by the National Council. The Treasurer shall have such other duties and responsibilities and may exercise such other powers as are usually incident to the office or as from time to time may be assigned by these Bylaws, the National Council or the National President. If required by the National Council, the National Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of duties in such sum and with such sureties as the National Council shall determine. The Assistant Treasurer or Assistant Treasurers, in the order designated by the National Council, shall perform all of the duties of the National Treasurer in the absence or disability of the National Treasurer and at other times may perform such other duties as are directed by the National President or National Council including the following.

- A. The treasurer shall present a written financial report to the National Council at each/every National Council meeting.

B. The National Treasurer shall execute a Surety bond in the amount of either the National association's treasury bank balance as of January 1 of each year or an amount approved by the National Council at its last National Meeting.

C. A copy of the Surety Bond insurance policy shall be forwarded to the National Secretary for the Association's records and archives.

D. The NABSTMC shall pay the insurance premium for said Surety Bond.

E. Every two (2) years an audit of the National Treasurer's account of the NABSTMC shall be performed under the supervision of the finance committee. The finance committee will select an independent auditor or CPA for the work. The audit should be performed in time for the audit report to be available at the NABSTMC next national meeting. The National President may call for an audit of the accounts at any time.

F. Chapter Treasurer will perform appropriate treasurer responsibilities for the chapter level.

8.10. **COMPENSATION:** National Officers of the NABSTMC shall not receive any salaries for their services as officers. However, they shall be reimbursed for travel expenses to defray their expenses while on National business. National Officer reimbursement payments shall be limited to their attendance at National and Frontier meetings only. If any Frontier meeting travel expenses are paid by the Frontier, no travel expense reimbursement will be paid out of the National Treasury.

8.11. **LOANS:** Under NO circumstances shall LOANS be made by the NABSTMC to any members.

ARTICLE 9: NABSTMC APPOINTED POSITIONS

9.1. **NATIONAL APPOINTEES:** The National President (under the advisement of the National Vice President, National Secretary and National Treasurer) shall make appointments of non-elected officers to serve in the administration of the NABSTMC. Those shall be but not limited to the positions of Assistant National Secretary, Assistant National Treasurer, National Sergeant-At-Arms, National Chaplain, National Webmaster, National Ambassadors, National Safety Officer, standing committee Chairs and other non-elected positions as the President deems necessary. At the end of the appointments the appointees will return their National COLORS within 30 days of being removed from the appointment if National COLORS were issued.

9.2. NATIONAL SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: The National President appoints The National Sergeant-AT-ARMS. This position must be totally familiar with Robert’s Rules of Order and play a major role in assuring the smooth procedural exchange of dialogue and information exchange during official meetings of the NABSTMC.

A. Will insure that motions are acted upon correctly and will assist in all counts of votes.

B. Maintain possession of the 9th and 10th Cavalry flags and ensures they are displayed at all National meetings and formal gatherings.

C. Will work with the National Council to ensure members are at assigned locations in a timely manner.

D. Bring all meetings and events of the NABSTMC to order before introducing the National Council. The individual appointed to this position must be a person with unsurpassed communication skills. He/she must also be very detailed in planning and preparation for NABSTMC membership rides, meetings and all events on the national level. Most importantly the Sergeant-At-Arms must serve as the “point person” identifying potential problems before they become real trouble spots and keeping a pulse on the membership to ensure no surprise occur that could in any way tarnish the image of the NABSTMC. Be available when needed by the National President.

9.3. CHAPTER SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: At the chapter level this position can be appointed or elected, which ever process is chosen it shall be spelled out in the chapters SOP. The Chapter Sergeant-At-Arms responsibilities are the same as the National Sergeant-At-Arms as applied at the chapter level see: Article 9.2.

9.4. OTHER CHAPTER POSITIONS: There are other positions a chapter shall have such as Road Captain, Quartermaster and Business Manager. How these positions are filled shall be spelled out in the chapter’s SOP.

9.5. NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: The National President appoints The National Chaplain who is responsible for the opening and closing prayers at official meetings and events. The Chaplain will be one of the people notified in the case of the death or serious injury of any NABSTMC member or immediate family.

A. He/she will have an established plan of action that will immediately show the affected family the genuine concern of the NABSTMC. Flowers, cards, visit when appropriate and phone calls for updates on the condition of the injured member are the responsibility of the National Chaplain.

B. He/she will be responsible for notifying the other National Officers as well as the general membership of all tragedies involving members.

C. The National Chaplain will work with the National Treasurer to establish a working budget for the Chaplain's office so that flowers, cards, etc., can be purchased.

9.6. NATIONAL WEBMASTER: The National Webmaster agrees to carry out the duties and responsibilities assigned by the National President and National Council to the best of his/her abilities. He will obtain approval from the National President or his/her Designee to create and maintain the national website (NABSTMC Web Portal) and the national council e-mail distribution (NABSTMC e-Distribution) list.

A. The National Webmaster recognizes that the NABSTMC web site and chapter links are for a closed forum of expression and that the National President has final authority and says over what may appear on all NABSTMC related web sites. NABSTMC chapters with websites that fall out of compliance with the scope of expression recommended by the National President may have its NABSTMC Web Portal links extinguished for cause.

B. The National Webmaster is responsible for ensuring that requests from individual chapter for additions, deletions, and corrections, of content on the NABSTMC website are requested by an authorized source, i.e. the Chapter president, Chapter Vice President or the owner of the NABSTMC domain name (s).

C. The National Webmaster is also responsible for maintaining the e-distribution list using the same authentication methods for requests as set forth for the NABSTMC Web Portal.

D. The National Webmaster shall not be held responsible for incorrect, invalid, unattended or forgotten e-mail address or passwords of e-distribution members nor shall the National Webmaster be held responsibility for glitches, malfunctions or dysfunctions of SMTP, POP3 Servers or IMAP servers and settings of full or unattended mailboxes of individual on the e- Distribution list or their e-mail service providers.

E. The National Webmaster shall make every effort to assist e-distribution members by resolving any e-mail issues regarding the e-distribution list and the NABSTMC Portal in a coordinated and timely manner.

9.7. NATIONAL AMBASSADOR / CRITERIA: National Ambassador Appointee is an outstanding individual who is known to have rendered exemplary service to the NABSTMC through their local chapters and frontier. Each frontier council will make recommendations to the National Elected Officers for no more than two (2) members from their frontier to be appointed to the position of National Ambassador for a term of two years consistent with the national election of officers. They are assigned specific responsibilities and work to advise and assist the NABSTMC in areas where necessary. The National President will take Frontier recommendations but reserves the right to appoint or deny appointment of any recommendations. The Ambassador shall be a member that is still active and NOT retired from his or her local chapter. They must be in good standing in the local chapter and been a past President or Vice President. The Ambassador should be a member that has made contributions to the organization on the local, state, Frontier and National levels.

National Ambassadors are to put forward a “positive” image for the Frontier of which they represent as well as for the NABSTMC. They must uphold and understand the basics of good public relations within and outside of their respective Frontiers. They must be willing to answer difficult questions concerning the NABSTMC and the history of the Buffalo Soldiers. National Ambassadors may on occasion provide input or advice to both their Frontier and the National Council as an advocate.

ARTICLE 10: NABSTMC STANDING COMMITTEES

10.1. STANDING COMMITTEE: Committees of the NABSTMC shall be standing or special. The National Council or the National President may refer to the proper committee any matter affecting the NABSTMC needing study, recommendation, resolution, or action. The committees shall be the following:

1. Scholarship committee.
2. Nominating committee.
3. Budget committee.
4. Finance committee
5. By-laws committee.
6. Marketing committee.
7. Appeals committee.
8. Election committee.

10.2. THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT: With recommendations from each frontier shall appoint these committees' members. If a committee member is not available, then the National President will request a replacement from the missing members Frontier. For continuity, a committee member's period of service will always exceed a current administration's term by one (1) year. A newly elected National President may make reappointments or new appointments after one (1) year of their term. Appointed committee chairpersons do not wear the national rocker.

10.3. THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT: May establish other special committees or standing committees in addition to those specified in this Article10; he/she deems appropriate with such duties and responsibilities, as he/she shall designate.

10.4. USE OF EMBLEM: The national colors, i.e. the "Logo" are the property of founder Ken Thomas, are on loan to the NABSTMC, and cannot be reproduced for sale or use except in support of local NABSTMC chapters.

A. The Logo cannot be used on T-shirts, caps, etc. or presented for sale to the general public unless the M/C designation has been removed and is not present.

B. The complete set of "Colors" of any departing member must be surrendered and returned to the issuing chapter upon request.

C. The complete set of "Colors" will be displayed on a black leather vest as the only official uniform item. Said vest can contain other decorations but none on the back of the vest.

D. The Full Members complete set of "Colors" consists of five (5) pieces:

1. Upper rocker, dark blue felt with gold chenille letters in western font 3" high (BUFFALO).
2. The lower rocker is the same material and color. The letters are also 3" high (SOLDIERS). The lower rocker has a lower line of letters 2" high with the word "National" for National Officers, the name of the City and State or the State where the chapter is located. For example, FLORIDA or SACRAMENTO CA.
3. Two single letter pieces of dark blue felt and a 3" high gold chenille letter (M&C). These are arranged on either side of the Logo.
4. The Logo is the image of the soldier with cap, gloves, and saber. It is a combination of silkscreen, chenille, and embroidery and is the trademark of the NABSTMC.

E. The Associate Member's complete set of "Colors" contains the same Logo as the Full Member's complete set of "Colors."

1. The upper rocker is dark blue felt with gold chenille letters 2" high (BUFFALO SOLDIERS).
2. The lower rocker is the same material as the upper rocker and contains 2" high letters with the name of the City & State or State of the chapter.
3. It contains the letters M/C above the City/State name.

F. Members shall wear their colors when participating in all club functions.

G. Colors shall be worn in an approved fashion, e.g. sewn on a black vest or jacket in the proper arrangement.

H. Ride patches and pins or other decoration may be worn on the front of vest or jacket, but not on the back of the vest or within the arrangement of the Colors.

I. Colors are never to be worn by non-members.

J. Colors are to be worn and handled with respect.

K. Wearing of the Colors is a privilege.

ARTICLE 11: CHAPTER FORMATION

11.1. CHAPTER FORMATION: There are two ways a NABSTMC Chapter can be formed, first in an open state, a state where a NABSTMC chapter does not exist. With this situation, a current NABSTMC member who relocates to said state and wishes to start a new chapter is considered a Member at Large "MAL" (see 3.13). A probationary NABSTMC member can be assigned to create a chapter in said "Open State". The second way a chapter can be formed is by a request for a new chapter to be formed within a state, which already has existing chapter(s). The request to start a new chapter can come from a member of existing chapter(s) in the state who has relocated to an open city in the state, or a potential new probationary member who resides in the open city. That request shall be made by the states Mother chapter to the Frontier Council. If the Frontier Council approves the requesting chapter, after one (1) year probationary period the National Council will vote on full chapter approval. A majority vote establishes a new chapter in the state. The potential NABSTMC member must have a full patch NABSTMC member as their sponsor. NABSTMC chapters in adjacent states shall be made aware of any probationary "MAL" in the open state.

11.2. LOCATION OF RESIDENCY: Members of a prospective new chapter or, an existing chapter, must reside within the city or the mailing zip code where their chapter exists. Within any state where there is an active NABSTMC chapter it is not permissible to form another chapter within fifty (50) miles of the current chapter city of location.

11.3. NABSTMC CANDIDATE: NABSTMC members shall take every precaution to ensure that any non-NABSTMC single rider candidate who wishes to become a NABSTMC member and wishes to establish a NABSTMC chapter in an open state, is not currently a member of another local or national motorcycle club and has not been a member of any club for at least one (1) year before discussing any membership opportunity within the NABSTMC.

ARTICLE 12: ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS

12.1. ACTIVE DUTY: Military Members refers to full patch NABSTMC members serving with the Armed Forces. A member on active duty who has been ordered to temporary duty (TDY), in a location away from their home chapter, may retain their chapter colors/rockers. Retention of chapter colors is dependent on the member remaining in good standing with their home chapter, before departure from their home station and while in a TDY status. The member must conduct him/herself in a manner that does not bring discredit to or conflict with local chapter rules and expectations while wearing “colors” or participating in local meetings, activities or events.

A. The home chapter is responsible for contacting the local chapter and advising of the member’s temporary residency, contact information, expected departure date, and overall conduct.

B. The home chapter is responsible for ensuring the member maintains a “good standing” status. Military NABTSMC members on active duty do not have to pay national dues. The member’s failure to abide by the terms listed herein may, at the home chapter’s request, be required to immediately return chapter colors

C. Military members who “retire” or are otherwise discharged from active duty and permanently change their residence so that they cannot attend their local chapter meetings may not retain their home chapter colors/rockers. These persons are required to submit for membership through the transfer process. (See 13.1.)

D. Military members who permanently relocate away from their home chapter may not retain their bottom rocker or their colors if they are unable to or unwilling to transfer into a chapter close to where they permanently reside.

12.2. NATIONAL GUARD: Reserve Members may retain their home chapter colors during deployments away from their home chapter. These members are encouraged to participate with local NABSTMC chapters in the deployed areas if such chapters exist and their schedules allow.

A. The member must conduct him/herself in a manner that does not bring discredit to or conflict with the local chapter rules and expectations while wearing “colors” or participating in local meetings, activities or events.

B. The home chapter is responsible for ensuring the member remains in “good standing.” The member’s failure to abide by the terms listed herein may be required to immediately return their colors to the home chapter.

12.3. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD): Civilians who relocate TDY (temporary duty) or PCS (permanent change of station) will follow their same rules as stated in the Sections above. Regular civilian members who relocate away from their home chapter may not retain their colors. These members are required to submit membership through the transfer process outlined in 12.4.

ARTICLE 13: TRANSFERS

13.1. TRANSFERS: Members wishing to simply transfer from one chapter to another may do so through the approval of their Presidents and chapter membership. The receiving chapter will verify with the Frontier Secretary and the National Secretary that a member is in good standing. This process will be verified through the National database that will be kept by the National Secretary. However, a “letter of instruction and good standing” should be sent from the losing chapter to the gaining chapter. The gaining chapter has the right to accept the member requesting the transfer by an affirmative vote of the accepting chapter. The member that is requesting a transfer must reside within the operating area (see 11.2) of the prospective chapter/state in which they are seeking membership. If there is not a chapter in the state in which they reside then they may seek MAL status or membership into the closest chapter.

A. Transferring members may be asked to pledge to actively support their new chapter and chapter activities. The gaining chapter will put in place a minimum of a three (3) month hang around period to monitor the commitment of the prospective transferring member.

B. Members that transfer due to PCS may retain their “colors” for up to six (6) months while they relocate in/or transfer to another chapter or apply for MAL Status if relocate or transferred to an open state.

C. Members who transfer into states that have support NABSTMC Chapters will be expected to join a chapter within the new state. This will usually be the closest chapter to the transferee’s home address. The member’s transfer will be accepted if approved by the majority of the new chapter membership and if he/she has no formal complaints or charges of misconduct currently existing in the losing chapter.

D. The members discussed above are considered “visitors” in the new state until all transfer requirements are met. They should be willing to support the efforts of the nearest local chapter and adhere to all state rules and protocols. These members shall not harm cause to the host chapter or state. Should the host chapter incur a grievance with a visitor; the issues will be discussed first with the visiting member and next with the executive officers of the visitor’s home chapter. If the issue is not resolved, the host chapter or the visitor may then file a grievance through the host chapter’s chain of command utilizing the NABSTMC grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 14: APPEALS PROCESS / CHAIN OF COMMAND

14.1. **GUIDELINES:** This section provides guidelines that shall be followed when attempting to resolve problems at the lowest level. These same guidelines must be followed when members file appeals to punitive decisions made against them by their chapters. Chapter Presidents, Vice Presidents and Executive Boards must understand that during the appeal process, decisions/rulings made at the Chapter Level can/may be upheld or overturned at the Frontier or National Level. It should be further understood that the Frontier and National Levels of Appeal could refuse to hear any of the cases. Chapters and members shall respect the findings of the National Council Appeals Committee.

14.2. DOCUMENTATION: This process applies to ALL chapter members in good standing with their chapter. Any member can file a grievance against any member for any of the causes listed in these Bylaws. The time limit for filing the grievance is fifteen (15) days from the time the offense occurred. The grievance must be written and submitted to the chapter's Executive Board. All subsequent meetings will result in written minutes at a minimum. An audio recording will also be produced if all parties agree to it. It is the responsibility of the plaintiff (accuser) and defendant (accused) to keep relevant documentation to support their positions during this process. Specific steps will be identified in order to afford that accused will be treated fairly in the proceedings and with due process.

14.3. CHAPTER MEMBERS:

- A. If a member of a chapter receives a charge from a chapter member he or she does not agree with said member may wish to appeal that charge.
- B. Upon receiving the charge he or she has fifteen (15) business days to inform his or her chapter they wish to formally appeal the charge.
- C. Both sides must provide the other side with all documentation related to the matter including all previous reprimands concerning the matter. (Note the lowest level of the appeals is the only opportunity to submit any evidence. All levels above the lowest level cannot accept any new evidence. They can only review submitted evidence).
- D. The matter will be placed on the general chapter meeting agenda so it can be heard at the meeting. If the matter cannot be heard at the chapter meeting the secretary will schedule an in-person meeting or conference call to occur within three (3) weeks of filing. The President will chair the meeting. If the president is the accuser or accused, then the Vice President will chair the meeting.
- E. At the conclusion of the hearing, the chapter must inform the member in writing their finding within ten (10) business days. The findings must include what section of the "S.O.P" or these By-laws was violated. How it was violated and if any reprimands were issued leading up to the charges being filed.
- F. If not satisfied with the finding at the chapter level, the accused member has the right to appeal to their Frontier. The Frontier must be notified by mail or e-mail within fifteen (15) business days of the chapter ruling.

G. The Frontier Council has thirty (30) business days to review the evidence and finding at the chapter level. The Frontier Council shall determine if the process was followed correctly and the decision reached was fair and impartial. The Frontier Council has the right to uphold or overturn a chapter level ruling without a formal hearing. If the accused member is not satisfied with the Frontier Council ruling they have ten (10) days to appeal to the National Appeals Committee.

H. The National Appeals Committee has forty-five (45) business days to review the evidence presented and finding at the Frontier level. Determine if the process was followed correctly and the decision reached was fair and impartial. The National Appeals Committee has the right to uphold or overturn the Frontier finding without a formal hearing.

ARTICLE 15: PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

15.1. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES: The NABSTMC shall not and will not publish or distribute any propaganda, or attempt to influence legislation in any manner. No NABSTMC member under the representation of the organization will participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. No member of the NABSTMC will wear any regalia, which implicate the NABSTMC organization being involved in any political demonstrations or campaigns. Furthermore, the NABSTMC will not endorse any political candidate or campaign. Notwithstanding provision of this document the NABSTMC shall not carry on activities not permitted by the following;

A. By an organization exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c) (3) of The Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

B. By an organization's contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future tax code.

C. The NABSTMC shall not have or issue stock or shares. No part of the assets, income or net earnings of the NABSTMC shall insure to the benefit of or be distributed to its member's trustees, officers or any other private person, except that the NABSTMC shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for serves rendered to make payments and distribution in conformity with the purposes set forth in Article 2 of these By-laws.

D. At no time shall any member or chapter of the NABSTMC have regular association, fraternizations or regular social contact or support activities of One Percent (1%) or Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs or organizations. Such association shall be grounds for immediate suspension and/or possible loss of membership.

E. Local chapter's officers are required to seek counsel and advice from either their State Mother Chapter and/or their Frontier Council prior to applying for membership into any Coalition of Clubs (COC) or affiliated organization.

ARTICLE 16: CARRYING OF FIREARMS

16.1. **GENERAL:** Motorcycles fall under the definition of motor vehicles. Thus, the same requirements apply to licensees who carry a handgun while on a motorcycle. A handgun should always be carried safely and securely. It should be carried so it is not accessible to unauthorized persons. If a rider is planning on carrying a concealed handgun while riding, have your concealed carry license and another piece of valid government identification in your possession.

Be aware and familiar with the laws of the State in which you live. Comply with all other laws governing the transportation of firearms in a motor vehicle. Be aware that the laws of other States apply to you when you are in that State.

16.2. **CONCEALED CARRY BY LAW ENFORCEMENT:** Federal law (HR 218) permits active and retired law enforcement officers, under specific circumstances to carry a concealed firearm.

16.3. **BEHAVIOR WHILE RIDING:** When riding with the Club, if a Soldier is carrying a concealed firearm and in some cases or States where an open carry is allowed, the Soldier must notify the road captain that he/she is carrying a concealed weapon.

16.4. **BEHAVIOR AT SOLDIER EVENTS:** At Soldier events, whether they be social or official club meetings, all Soldiers, unless exempted by special circumstances (law enforcement officers or military), must secure their firearms in their vehicles or hotel rooms.

ARTICLE 17: PHYSICAL AND VERBAL ALTERCATIONS CODE OF CONDUCT

17.1. PHYSICAL AND VERBAL ALTERCATIONS: Physical and verbal altercations is defined as any confrontation, tussle/struggle or physical act of aggression that may or may not result in injury. Physical altercations are distinguished from verbal altercations / threats by the use of physical force or contact. It may also be referred to as bullying, fighting or battery.

17.2. CODE OF CONDUCT: All members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner so as to bring honor and respect to the NABSTMC at all times. Any actions by a member deemed detrimental to the organization (NABSTMC) shall be cause for review and could result in discipline up to or suspension or expulsion from membership in the NABSTMC.

17.3. SANCTIONS: Sanctions will/can consist of the following: Examples but not limited to following.

- A. One Hundred Dollar (\$100) Fine and/or one (1) year probation or both.
- B. One (1) year suspension.
- C. Restitution.
- D. Expulsion from the NABSTMC. NOTE: Expulsion is for life and cannot be overturned by membership, new administrations or succeeding National Councils.

ARTICLE 18: CHARTER AGREEMENT

18.1. CHARTER AGREEMENT: A Charter Chapter is one that has been “Declared” to the National Council, has signed the National Charter Agreement and has adopted these By-laws as their chapters By-laws. These By-laws identify the basic Corporate polices of the NABSTMC. Each chartered chapter of the NABSTMC shall establish a SOP, which shall not override or conflict with these By-laws. A copy of each NABSTMC chapter’s SOP shall be forwarded to the National Secretary and the National By-Laws committee.

ARTICLE 19: ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER

19.1. **ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER:** The rules contain in the current edition of Roberts Rules revised edition shall govern the meeting procedures and protocols of the NABSTMC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws and any special rules of order that the NABSTMC may adopt.

ARTICLE 20: DISSOLUTION

20.1. **DISSOLUTION:** In the event of dissolution, the NABSTMC’s assets will be distributed to non-profit organization(s) whose purpose are consistent with the purpose of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Clubs, Inc. The distribution(s) will be determined by a majority vote of the National Council.

ARTICLE 21: AMENDMENTS

21.1. **AMENDMENTS:** Changes to these By-Laws shall be accomplished through an “Amendment”. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the National By-Laws committee for review and recommendation to the National Council. Amendments will be considered every two (2) years. An amendment requires approval by a two third (2/3) majority vote of the National Council. Approved by-law amendments shall be recorded in the National Meeting Minutes and eventually distributed by the National Secretary to the general membership. All amendments must reference the Article, Section and/or paragraph to be amended.