

THE COLUMBUS BUFFALO SOLDIERS NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

In order to process an applicant's request for membership, all applicants must submit a signed 'Letter of Membership'. This letter must include the following information.

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number(s)
- Place of Employment
- Are you a veteran? If yes, when and what branch of service?
- If applying for 'Full' membership, provide what type of 'road ready motorcycle that you personally own' that is at least 750cc or higher. If applying for 'Associate' membership, provide the name of the full patch member within the CBS Chapter who has offered to sponsor your membership.
- Explain why you are seeking membership into the CBS Chapter.
- Demonstrate at least a minimal knowledge of the history and legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers. (This information can be obtained from the web)

Your response need not contain or divulge any personal information. Your letter will be used by the CBS Officers and members of the Membership Committee to gain background information on you, qualify you for membership, and assist in determining whether you are a person of good moral character.

Please answer all questions in the bullet list to the best of your ability and submit your 'Letter of Membership' in a typed document. Attach your 'Letter of Membership' to an 'Affirmation for Membership'. You will find this document on the next page. Please initial next to each item on the 'Affirmation for Membership' as your acknowledgment.

Submit both signed documents and a \$10.00 non-refundable check paid to The Columbus Buffalo Soldiers to:

The Columbus Buffalo Soldiers
c/o Membership Committee Chair
PO Box 298072
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Affirmation for Membership

I, _____ agree that if accepted as a member of the Columbus Buffalo Soldiers Chapter, I will:

- _____ Educate myself and others in the history of the Buffalo Soldiers.
- _____ Actively support CBS and its functions, activities, chapter rides and community service efforts.
- _____ Successfully complete a probation period of no more than 12 months
- _____ During your probation period, a minimum of 1500 miles in the saddle with two CBS full patch members to include one 200 mile in one day to satisfy the 'long ride task'.
- _____ Show proof of successfully completing an approved Motorcycle Safety Riding Course in the last 5 years, unless deemed otherwise by the chapters executive officers.
- _____ Seek out and coordinate a minimum of one approved community service event. (Members of the Events Committee will help in this effort)
- _____ Agree not to discuss Club Business that has been disseminated in a 'Closed' session of the membership with any person NOT a member of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club.
- _____ Agree that no intoxicants will be consumed during any club meeting.
- _____ Pay club dues as required in the CBS By Laws.
- _____ Agree to wear club 'Colors/Patches' at all club events and meetings.
- _____ Agree that the 'Colors/Patches' are the property of NABSTMC, and are to be returned by me, in person within 7 days to the CBS President or his/her designee if the club or I terminate my membership for any reason. Failure to do so may result in a penalty of \$500.00, plus any legal fees, and any additional out of pocket expenditures imposed on the chapter to retrieve club property as stated above.
- _____ Agree to terminate membership in any other motorcycle club that I am currently a member in 'Good Standing' before I become a member of the CBS Chapter.
- _____ Acceptance of both Local and National By Laws.
- _____ I will submit a signed 'Letter of Membership' to the CBS Chapter.
- _____ I fully comprehend, without question, that during any probation period, that I may be dismissed for any reason.
- _____ I will always be punctual, neatly dressed, attentive, and optimistic at all times.
- _____ I agree to be honest at all times and understand that a man or woman is only as good as their word.
- _____ I agree to ride my motorcycle to all club meeting and events, unless weather or other extenuating circumstances prohibit me from doing so.
- _____ I agree and understand the above listed conditions for membership into the CBS Chapter.

My signature of acknowledgement is made on this date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____