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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CVMA® POLICY ON SUPPORT MEMBERS

1. In accordance with (IAW) the CVMA By-Laws Article 3, Section 1 c), Support Members must be a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.
 - a) An applicant for Support Member must have successfully completed both basic military training and advanced initial (technical) military training.
 - b) Applicant must have received an Honorable, or General under Honorable Conditions, discharge.
 - c) An applicant failing to meet the training or discharge criteria due to a medical or hardship condition discharge, may request a waiver. The waiver must be in writing, disclose fully the reasons for non-compliance, be approved by the responsible State and Regional Representatives and accompany the application.
2. Should a Full Member sponsor move out of the State of residence of their Support Member, become suspended or removed from the CVMA, the affected Support Member(s) **must** find a new sponsor immediately.
3. Active Duty Support Members that PCS or are moved due to the government will be granted an exception to this policy for nine months.
 - a) This will afford the Support Member the opportunity to find a new sponsor at their new location and meet the criteria of sponsorship as outlined in the CVMA By-Laws Article 3 Section 1(c) 6.
 - b) Support Members that are unable to secure a new Full Member sponsor within nine months will be suspended from the CVMA in good standing. Support Members that subsequently secure a sponsor can submit an application and be reinstated.
4. Should a Support Member move into a State where there are no available Support Member positions available, they will be suspended from the CVMA in good standing. Once a position becomes available and a sponsor is secured, the Support Member may submit an application and be reinstated.
5. Sponsors may remove their sponsorship of a Support Member at any time. If the Support Member does not secure a sponsor immediately, they will be removed from the CVMA.

6. Responsibilities:

- a) It is the responsibility of the Chapter Commanders to monitor their Support Members and ensure their sponsors meet the requirements IAW the By-Laws and policies.
 - b) It is the responsibility of the State Representatives to monitor their Support Members and to facilitate transfers of dislocated Support Members and the securing of new Support Member sponsors.
7. The intent of this policy is to clarify the criteria for Support Membership and define the relationship between the Support Member and the Full Member sponsor.

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