

Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Texas
(*N.A.B.S.T.M.C.*)
Houston Chapter
Requirements for Membership

In order to become a member of the **Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Texas**, all applicants (for *Probate or Associate Status*) are required to submit a **“Request for Membership Letter”**. The *Executive Committee* of the *Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Texas, Houston Chapter*, will initially review your Letter and refer it to the proper committee.

Your Letter will be reviewed by the *Executive Committee* to gain insight and background information into qualifying each applicant for membership. It will further assist the *Executive Committee* in determining whether the applicant is a person of high moral standard, of good character, and free of any criminal background.

All applicants for membership are instructed to answer **ALL** of the questions contained in the **“Initial Interview Questions List”** to the best of their ability.

No applicant is required to divulge or is requested to submit any personal or confidential information.

All applicants are required to have **ridden** a minimum of at least **Three (3) times** with at least one or more **Active** members prior to membership consideration.

Riding with more than one Active member during this period is strongly recommended).

The *B.S.M.C.* has a preference for receiving all inquiries regarding membership in a **typed** or **computer generated** format. However, this is not a “mandatory” requirement. Handwritten document must be “*legible*” for review.

Sign & attach/enclose the “*Affirmation for Membership*” document and submit both to either:

Your Sponsor, who will submit your packet to the chapter’s *Executive Committee*.
Or submit your Letter to one of the following **Officers** of this chapter:

1. The **“President**, Betty “Boo” Thornton
2. The **“Vice President**, Jerry “Boone” Allen
3. The **“Secretary**, Hallie “Quite Storm” Sadberry
4. The **“Treasurer**, Walter “Single Shot” Lethermon
5. The **“Sgt-At-Arms**, Dale “Geechee” Jennings

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******* Initial Interview Question List *******

ALL questions must be “**answered**” by every applicant seeking membership into the **Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Texas, Houston Chapter.**

- Applicant's name.
- Applicant address, current phone number(s) and e-mail address.
- Applicant's Place of Employment (if applicable).
- Agree to submit to a background check.
- If applying for "**Active/Full**" membership into the B.S.M.C., each applicant must provide proof of owning a “Road Ready” motorcycle of at least **750 cc**. There must be a current **State of Texas Safety Inspection Sticker** affixed to the motorcycle.
- Applicant must provide “**Current**” prove of motorcycle insurance coverage.
- Must provide proof of having completed a *state or military-approved* **Motorcycle Safety Course** within the last five (5) years.

OR

A. Applicant must agree to complete said course **BEFORE** completion of Probationary status and being granted “*Full Patch*” membership. A copy of course completion must be provided to the chapter Secretary prior to being voted into any change of status.

- Must demonstrate to the general membership of the Houston chapter that applicant for “*Full Patch*” membership has toured the **Buffalo Soldiers National Museum** in Houston, Texas.
- Demonstrate to the general membership of the Houston chapter that they have at least minimal knowledge of the history and legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers, i.e. (9th & 10th U.S. Cavalry).
- Agree to read and be familiar as well as abide by both the NABSTMC and Club by-laws.

*** If applying for "**Associate-Candidate**" membership ***

- Provide the “**Name**” of the B.S.M.C. member who will be your **Sponsor**.
- Explain why you are seeking "**Associate-Candidate**” membership into the B.S.M.C.

- Demonstrate that you have toured the **Buffalo Soldiers National Museum** in Houston, Texas.
- Demonstrate to the general membership of the Houston chapter that you have at least minimal knowledge of the history and legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers.
- Agree to the completion of a **Ninety-day** (90) Probationary Period as an “**Associate-Candidate**”.
- Agree to submit to a background check.
- Agree to read and be familiar as well as abide by both the NABSTMC and Club by-laws.

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I _____ agree that if accepted as a member of
The **Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Texas** that I will:

- Educate others and myself in the history of the Buffalo Soldiers.
- Actively support the Club and its functions.
- Complete a **Six (6) month probationary period if applying for "Full Patch" membership**. If this application is for "Associate-Candidate" membership, applicant agrees a **Ninety (90) day probationary period**.
- Ride 1000 miles with Club members AND complete a community service project or event within the six (6) probationary period for "Full Patch" membership.
- Agree not to discuss any Club business that has been talk about in a "**Closed**" session of the membership, or with any person **NOT** a member of the B.S.M.C.
- Agree that no intoxicants will be consumed during any Club meetings.
- Pay local and national Club dues as required in the By-Laws.
- Agree to wear Club "**Logo/Colors/Patches**" at Club events and meetings.
- Agree that the "**Logo/Colors/Patches**" are the **property of B.S.M.C.**, and are to be **returned** to the Club in the event of my termination of membership for any reason. This includes either voluntary or involuntary termination of membership for cause.
- Agree to terminate my membership in any other motorcycle club that I am currently a member of before I become a member of the **B.S.M.C. of Texas**.
- Agree to read and be familiar as well as abide by both the NABSTMC and Club by-laws.
- Agree to maintain my motorcycle in accordance with State of Texas safety requirements by keeping my **State of Texas Safety Inspection sticker current**.
- Agree to maintain current insurance coverage on my motorcycle and provide a copy of proof of insurance coverage to the chapter Secretary annually.
- Agree to a "Face to Face" meeting and Q & A with this chapter's general membership.
- I agree to submit a "*signed*" **Letter for Membership** to the **B.S.M.C. of Texas**, prior to meeting with the general membership body.

I fully understand and agree that the above listed conditions are required for membership into the **B.S.M.C. of Texas**; they are ***conditional*** and ***non-binding***. My signature below is both acknowledgement and full acceptance of the aforementioned conditions and requirements.

Made on this:

_____ **Day of** _____, **20**_____.

Signed: _____