

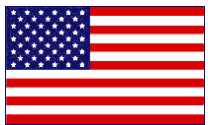
At the Laughlin Homecoming, April, 2001, STAR President Alan Cease, in an emotional speech, spoke of a recent communication he had with a acquaintance, veteran and fellow member of STAR. Alan told the crowd of over 500 that he had received word from his friend, who told Alan, that he had to resign as a member of STAR. The member revealed that he had joined a "veterans motorcycle club" and this "club" told him that he was not allowed to ride a Yamaha Star motorcycle or belong to STAR.

In a tragic circumstance of irony, our fellow STAR member, an American Veteran, was denied the freedom, to make a choice. He was accepted into their organization at the cost of his freedom, by a "club", that is supposed to represent the very freedom that all Americans cherish, that so many have fought and died for; the Right to Choose.

Alan realized that there are many other STAR members, who have honorably served their country and they deserve to have a voice. More importantly, they should be able to express their right to choose and which motorcycle they choose to ride.

So, to commemorate and express the sacrifice that so many have made for their country, STAR Touring and Riding Association has established "**STAR VETS**" to its ever growing family. With a new "**STAR VETS**" logo and patch, along with a specific web board page, veterans throughout the STAR association will be able to proudly represent themselves and STAR, no matter what they ride.

\_\_\_\_ **Mark Vrabel Senior Editor, STAR News**



The STAR VETS patch is a system. It includes the STAR VETS patch and a key fitting piece that will have the branch of service attached below. The hash marks (rocker system) will allow you to order the hash marks with Unit, Rank, Theater (Korea, Viet Nam, Desert Storm etc). Awards (Purple Heart, Silver Star etc). Most of these will be a custom order rocker for your particular needs. We have also produced the STAR VETS bike flag for you mount on your favorite daily ride. The flags and masts are in stock. You can order these items off of the web site or via the telephone. You must have your DD-214, Honorable Discharge or Record of Service papers on file with the STAR offices before we can ship the STAR VETS patches or flags.

The graphic supplied here is the basic idea how the system goes together. The patches are to be placed on the right breast of your vest or right shoulder of your coat. The eagle faces towards your heart.

## **STAR Touring & Riding Assoc.** STARVETS APPLICATION

I served my country in the (circle all that apply):

- AIR FORCE
- ARMY
- NAVY
- COAST GUARD
- MARINES

A copy of your Honorable Discharge or DD-214 or Record Of Service must be submitted with this application.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**STAR Membership #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State|Province** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information in these documents is true and correct and if it is discovered that the information is false or forged, I will surrender my STAR VET colors upon demand.

Applicants Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# STAR VETS



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