

Constitution and Charter

ARTICLE I Name and Authority

The name of this organization shall be the *MINIONS OF CHAOS MOTORCYCLE CLUB* and hereafter referred to as the *MOC MC*. They shall have the authority to operate on and around *Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM), WA* with the consent of the installation commander. All sub charters on other installations will go through proper channels for their base. Operation depends on compliance with the requirements and conditions of this charter, Department of Defense instructions, installation instructions, state laws and associated by-laws and all applicable directives and policies.

ARTICLE II Purpose, Goals, and Objectives

PURPOSE: To establish and maintain a spirit of comradeship and esprit de corps that will enhance the image prestige of all motorcycle riders, encourage on-going rider education and skills development, Interact with local motorcycle clubs and build relationships that will strengthen ties throughout the community. To operate and conduct itself in a manner that provides equal opportunity and treatment for all motorcyclists. **The MOC MC is non-territorial, 100% neutral and does not support any other motorcycle organization.**

GOALS:

1. The *MOC MC* will seek to improve morale, promote rider awareness and skills improvement. The *MOC MC* will seek to enhance the installation and local community relationship through community service efforts and events by unifying and combining the unique and individual talents of the *MOC MC* members.
2. Each member is encouraged to actively participate, to support the objectives of the *MOC MC* by setting a positive example, and to promote the safety and welfare of all members and members' family.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Provide each member with the collective knowledge, experience, and influence of the *MOC MC* positively affecting motorcycling on and off the installation.
2. Improve rider skills through mentorship for new riders and continuing education for all riders.
3. Establish an effective means of communication with all members to exchange ideas and keep attuned to changes in attitudes and behaviors of installation riders.
4. Promote the positive status of motorcycle riders.
5. Promote and support safety recognition programs.
6. Introduce new riders to the *MOC MC* and familiarize them with the goals and objectives of the *MOC MC* as well as the customs, curtsies, and traditions of the motorcycle community.
7. Promote social gatherings on base as well as with local community leaders.

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8. Plan for and promote the use of designated driver and other effective DUI prevention programs with all *MOC MC* sponsored, organized or attended events where alcoholic beverages may be consumed.
9. Provide a forum wherein any policy, program, or problem of interest to the members in general, along with *MOC MC* Leadership in particular, may be discussed freely.
10. Assist in maintaining a high state of group morale and esprit de corps, while encouraging the highest standards of safety, bearing, and behavior.
11. Improve the morale and welfare of the *MOC MC* members and their family members.
12. Invite guest speakers to talk about topics of interest to the members, with emphasis on safety, rider skills, community, and family enhancement.

ARTICLE III
Qualification of Members and Fees

SECTION A: Membership in the *MOC MC* shall be strictly voluntary and without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or handicap. Active members must have a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement and maintain insurance as required by law. All military members (Active Duty, Retired, Veterans, and Family members) and civilian employees (as required by DOD and service instructions) will have a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Rider CourseSM completion card. All members clearly understand that the patches, hereafter referred to as "colors", on the back of the vest, are sole property of the *MOC MC* and must be returned if terminated. All members must be aware that they're jointly liable for the obligations of the *MOC MC*. Membership shall consist of four categories as defined below:

1. **Active Member:** Any Motorcycle Licensed individual who meets the membership qualifications as stated above, (Non Military US Citizen must be sponsored by a U.S Government employed full patch member and voted entry by Executive Board). Proof of eligibility will be a current/valid ID card or other equivalent official government documentation. To remain active, fees must be paid to date. An active member is authorized to vote upon and discuss all matters in which the member has interests.
2. **Probate Member:** Any individual who meets the requirements as stated above and has completed his/her Prospect period (see Prospect) and has been voted to probate member status by the executive board. Probates will not wear center patch until voted to full patch board member. Probate members will pay monthly dues and fees. Probate members are not authorized to vote, however, may bring a point of order during meetings.

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3. **Prospective Member(Prospect):** Any person meeting all requirements who is applying for Active Membership. Prospective members must be sponsored and mentored by an Active Member in Good Standing. The mentor is selected by an agreed upon decision of the President, Vice President and Secretary to observe and advise the new rider for a "minimum" period of six (6) months. The prospective member cannot be voted into active membership until at-least 180 days has passed since their introduction to the Club. Additionally, they must have attended at minimum one official Club event, one Club-recognized ride, and two Regular scheduled meetings, prior to the vote on their status. The sponsor is responsible for ensuring the prospective member understands all Club rules and rides in a safe manner. After completion of the probation period (180 days), with mentor concurrence, and vote by majority, the individual becomes an active member. If the mentor feels the prospect has not lived up to the principles or rules of the club, a majority vote at a membership meeting is necessary for the individual to remain. The final authority rests upon the principal officers. Prospects will not wear full colors until after being voted an active member. Prospects will wear a vest (cut) and bottom rocker embroidered with the word "PROSPECT" on the back of the cut. On the front they will wear a name tape embroidered with the word "PROSPECT" on the right, on the left of the cut they will have a name tape embroidered with the name of the installation where the club operates and an American flag above it.

4. **Honorary Member:** May be extended to any adult person with a simple majority vote of the active members present at any membership meeting, except as mentioned below. Such membership shall be restricted to individuals who have taken positive actions that support the *MOC MC's* principles, purposes, and objectives. Said members are not authorized to vote or wear club colors.

5. **Inactive Member:** Any individual mentioned above, whose fees are 60 days delinquent. An inactive member is not authorized to vote nor make any motions. However, an inactive member may present information that may be critical to the *club* during debates if approved by the President. Individuals will be issued a 30-day delinquency notice prior to being placed on the inactive member roster.

SECTION B: Active participation and support of projects, activities, and functions of the *MOC MC* are encouraged and are the responsibility of every member.

SECTION C: Membership may be denied or withdrawn from any active, probationary, prospective, honorary, or inactive members under the conditions prescribed by the officers of the *MOC MC* in accordance with Article III, sections A and D, of this charter and Article I of the by-laws (See Road Captains). Membership may be self terminated at the written request of the member.

SECTION D: Any member convicted of a DUI will be suspended from active membership status in the *MOC MC* becoming an inactive member, and shall forfeit all fees paid to date. They will also lose their cut pending a club vote. If active duty Soldier they will need permission from their command before resuming active status with the club.

SECTION E: Any member involved in any incident that brings a negative impact on the Club as a whole will be suspended from active membership status in the *MOC MC* becoming an inactive member, and shall forfeit all fees paid to date. Suspension of active membership will be based upon actual facts revealed from the investigations.

SECTION F: Members who are removed from the club (voluntary or otherwise) will surrender any and all club property immediately. Club property consists of colors, emblems with colors on them, etc...

SECTION G: FEES

1. Initial Fee: **\$250.00 one time** (for Club Patches)

BY-LAWS

The following By-Laws are set forth for the normal operation and administration of the *MOC MC* and will be directed on, and a guide for, the *MOC MC* officers and members.

ARTICLE I

Officers, Members, Duties, and Elections

SECTION A: (Elected Officers) the following *MOC MC* Officers will make up the “**Executive Board**” and be elected to office in accordance with the charter of the *MOC MC*, to serve a period of one calendar year. The position of President must be held by an active duty member or DOD civilian employee to maintain continuity with the installation's leadership and assure direct association with the installation's workforce. There are no restrictions for other elected officers.

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

The *MOC MC* Officers' election, removal, powers, and responsibilities shall be governed according to the rules contained in the charter and associated by-laws.

SECTION B: (Duties of Officers)

PRESIDENT

The duties are as follows:

1. Manage the *MOC MC* according to its Charter and By-laws
2. Preside at all membership and special meetings.
3. Set dates for membership, special, and executive board meetings.
4. Appoint committee members on a voluntary basis, except Nominating Committee.
5. Appoint members to fill elected officer positions if there are three months or less remaining on present term when the elected officer is unable to complete the current term. A special meeting will

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6. Appoint points of contact (POCs).
7. Act as *MOC MC* Spokesperson.
8. Chair Executive Board.
9. Authorize expenditures, not to exceed **\$50** per purchase, between scheduled meetings of the membership, without concurrence of the Treasurer.
10. Establish Special committees and appoint committee chairpersons as required.
11. Distribute a tentative agenda for the next membership meeting.
12. Appoint officers to the following non-elected positions as he/she sees fit.
 - a. **Prospect/Probate manager**
 - (1) Will observe and assist Prospect and Probate Members
 - (2) The sponsor will use available training and promotional resources to encourage safe responsible riding techniques and skills
 - b. **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS** (Administers discipline and is responsible for recovery of *MOC MC* Property).
 - c. **HISTORIAN** (Maintains documentation of *MOC MC* History).
 - d. **PHOTOGRAPHER** (Photographs *MOC MC* events and members participating in/at events).

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- e. **WEBMASTER** (Maintains and updates *MOC MC* Website)

VICE PRESIDENT

The duties are as follows:

1. Assume duties of the President in his/her absence.
2. Appoints Nominating Committee members.
3. Serve as member of Executive Board.

SECRETARY

The duties are as follows:

1. Record the minutes of membership meetings and take attendance.
2. Distribution of minutes within 5 calendar days (via e-mail if capability exists).
3. Receive approval of previous month minutes at next regular scheduled meeting.
4. Maintain a completed file of *MOC MC* Correspondence.
5. Issue annual election ballots.
6. Chair Social Committee
 - a. Coordinator
 - Coordinator will select an Assistant Coordinator
7. Serve as member of the Executive Committee.
8. Provide other administrative support required by the *MOC MC*.
9. Attest to the authentication of documents and any other actions by the President in the name of the *MOC MC*

10. Maintain a *MOC MC* e-mail folder (if capability exists).

TREASURER

The duties are as follows:

1. Collect and receipt for membership fees.
2. Issue and accept membership applications/resignations.
3. Maintain POC roster and make available to the *MOC MC* (via e-mail if capability exists).
4. Maintain *MOC MC* checking account(s).
5. Maintain membership roster and make available to the *MOC MC*
6. Read monthly financial report at each membership meeting.
7. Provide financial report to the *MOC MC* (via e-mail if capability exists).
8. Serve as member of the Executive Committee.
9. Is authorized to pay all approved reoccurring expenses.
10. Any extraordinary expenses are to be approved by the board.

***ROAD CAPTAINS (Appointed by Executive Board)**

The duties are as follows:

1. Lead the *MOC MC* in formation riding or parades. The Road Captains will give riding instructions to all riders prior to the start of a ride.
2. Enforce all rules of group riding.
3. Road Captains shall have the unchallenged right to terminate a member's participation in a given ride or event for the *MOC MC* Safety or image. Upon request of a Road Captain, the President may suspend the member pending the lodging of an official complaint. All members have the right to appeal before the members and will abide by the decision of the members--majority rules.

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***ROAD CAPTAINS (cont.)**

4. One Road Captain will always ride point and set the pace. Another Road Captain will always ride drag to assure the safety of the *MOC MC* from behind and assist members with mechanical problems.
5. Duly qualified Road Captains of groups/organizations participating in events hosted or coordinated by *MOC MC* may temporarily be granted all rights, responsibilities, and authorities granted to *MOC MC* Road Captains with the approval of the President.
6. Contact local authorities for clearance of designated route plans.

SECTION C:

MEMBER DUTIES AND LAWS

1. Members will above all, uphold the basic club principles of honor, truth, respect, support, loyalty and commitment.
2. When representing the club, both on and off the installation, all members will conduct themselves with the highest regard to the principles of the club. The club must not be tarnished by unrestrained behavior, disrespect of fellow citizens, or acts that generally reflect poorly on the clubs image and reputation.
3. Members will not endanger the club or any member by participating or being a part of any illegal act or acts of any sort. If any member is charged with illegal activities they may be subject to permanent dismissal from the club as determined by an Executive Board Review.
4. Each member serves as a safety officer. Each member is responsible to identify and correct any condition that threatens the welfare of club members or the general public. Any willful act of unsafe

riding witnessed by a fellow club member(s) could result in denial of membership. Members may plead their case at the next meeting; all pleads will be made to the Executive Board for consideration of dismissal or suspension of member(s).

5. Activities will be conducted to encourage participation by all club members and no laws will be enacted which favor or separate members by the type of motorcycle they ride.

6. No member will ride under any impaired condition (physically or mentally). All club members will make every conceivable effort to prevent another member from riding impaired.

7. Members will always hold the club in high regard. A member will never angrily accost, assault, or slander any other fellow club member. Doing so will result in disciplinary action

8. Members will embrace and encourage an atmosphere of skill improvement, responsible riding, and riding enjoyment and discourage aggressive, competitive, and potentially self destructive riding behaviors.

9. No other charter will wear original patches except the founding 7 in Fort Lewis.

10. All patches and vest orders must go through mother chapter in Ft Lewis

SECTION D: (Elections, Voting, and Officer Removal)

ELECTIONS

Election of *MOC MC* Officers shall be done annually during the *JULY* general membership meeting. The *MOC MC* Vice President at the *MAY* Membership meeting will appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least three members. The committee will deliver to the *JUNE* regular membership meeting a "Candidate Affidavit of Eligibility and Solicitation of Office" proposal. Members seeking to serve as officers of the *MOC MC* will have until the *JUNE* regular membership meeting to return to the Nomination Committee a completed affidavit. The committee will submit a slate of candidates and accept nominations from the floor at the *JULY* membership meeting. Floor nominations will not be accepted unless the candidate is present and verbally accepts, or has provided an affidavit to the Nomination Committee. Nominees must have enough retainability to complete the term for which they are being nominated. If a member of the Nominating Committee becomes a candidate, that member shall be removed from the committee and a new member shall be appointed.

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VOTING

Voting for the election of officers will be by secret ballot. Voting on all other *MOC MC* business will be by a show of hands with the majority ruling, or as stated below. Ballots for the annual election will be provided to all members in good standing. Any member with outstanding dues may obtain a ballot prior to the election by paying their outstanding dues. For those active members unable to attend the general membership meeting, absentee ballots may be obtained from the *MOC MC* Secretary. Members of the nominating committee will tabulate ballots. The candidate for each position with the most votes wins.

OFFICER REMOVAL

MOC MC Officers may be removed from office for cause with due process, as necessary, by request of the two-thirds of the active membership in the form of a signed petition.

ARTICLE II

Club Colors

2. The Colors are to be placed on the back of a seamless center black leather vest with/without side lacings.
3. The Colors are to be located on the vest according to the precise layout (see "Attachment A") as designated for a vest worn by a man or a woman.
4. Nothing is allowed on the back of the vest except for The Club Colors.
5. The front right (of the wearer) chest of the vest will have the members "road name" patch, directly above that will be any applicable officer patch. Directly beneath will be the "First 6" if member is one of the first 6 founding members of the mother club.
6. The front left (of the wearer) chest of the vest will have an American flag and beneath will be the installation name the club/chapter with which wearer is affiliated.
7. The Colors are awarded to new members after completion of appropriate prospect period but remain the property of the Club.
8. Cost of all patches is the responsibility of the new member.
9. Any use of the Club Colors must be approved by the Board.
10. The wearing of the Colors is a privilege and they must be worn with the dignity they deserve.
11. Any member discrediting the Colors will be subject to dismissal under the provisions provided in these by-laws.
12. Any member who loses their colors, or allows them to be taken, will be immediately dismissed from the Club and will forfeit all rights, privileges and dues.
13. Anyone who leaves the club, voluntarily or involuntarily, will turn in their patches to the current president with no monetary remuneration.

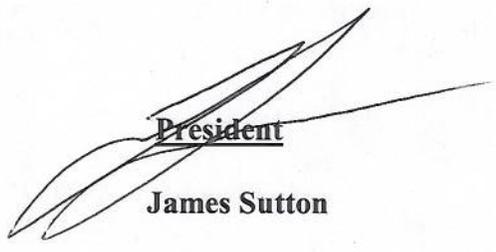
ARTICLE III MOC MC CHAPTERS

ARTICLE III Meetings of the *MOC MC*

SECTION A: General Membership Meeting (Congress) shall be held once a year, in *JULY*, for the purpose of electing new officers, disseminating other business, and inviting new riders to join. To convene a general membership meeting, a quorum of one-fourth (1/4) or more of the active membership is necessary. Motions/solutions and revisions/amendments will carry a simple majority of positive votes except when the issue involves a request for complete written financial reports. In this exceptional case, a two-thirds (2/3) majority of positive votes is required.

SECTION B: Regular Membership Meetings (Church) shall be held on the third Saturday of every month, as so stated in the by-laws for the purpose of conducting business that may be brought before the *MOC MC*, listening to guest speakers, etc. To convene a regular membership meeting, a quorum of **50** percent or more of the active membership is necessary. Motions/resolutions and revisions/amendments will carry a simple majority of positive votes except when the issue involves a

By my hands this document is approved as official as of this 5 day, of may 2001.



President
James Sutton



Vice President

Brian Bache

Positions of Members May Change due to PCS moves or other unforeseen circumstances.