

**CHARTER and BY-LAWS
OF THE
World Wide Rydaz Motorcycle Club
Aberdeen Proving Ground Chapter
“WWR”**

CHARTER

**ARTICLE I
Name and Authority**

The name of this organization shall be the “World Wide Rydaz Motorcycle Club” (WWR) and hereafter referred to as the “WWR.” They shall have the authority to operate on Aberdeen Proving Ground only with the consent of the Installation commander. Operation depends on compliance with the requirements and conditions of this charter, U.S. Army instructions, installation instructions, state laws, post/base safety guidance, 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 prestige of all motorcycle riders, encourage on-going rider education and skills development, and reduce the potential of motorcycle mishaps.. Set an example for all personnel according to the standards, traditions, and customs of the U.S. Army. To operate and conduct itself in a manner that provides equal opportunity and treatment for all motorcyclists.

GOALS:

1. The WWR will seek to improve morale, promote rider awareness and skills improvement. The WWR will seek to enhance the post/base and local community relationship through community service efforts and events by unifying and combining the unique and individual talents of the WWR members.
2. Each member is encouraged to actively participate in, and support the objectives of the WWR to set the example in accepted riding practices, and to promote the safety and welfare of all members.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Provide each member with the collective knowledge, experience, and influence of the WWR positively affecting motorcycling on and off the installation.
2. Improve rider skills through mentorship for new riders and continuing education for all riders.
3. Enhance the welfare of all motorcycle riders.
4. Establish an effective means of communication with all members to exchange ideas and keep attuned to changing attitudes in WWR.
5. Promote the positive status of motorcycle riders in the U.S. Army.
6. Promote and support motorcycle education programs for motorcycle riders.
7. Promote and support safety recognition programs.
8. Introduce new riders to the WWR and familiarize them with the goals and objectives of the WWR.
9. Plan for and promote the use of the designated driver and other effective DUI prevention programs with all WWR sponsored, organized or attended events where alcoholic beverages will be consumed.
10. Provide support as necessary to authorized/legal motorcycle clubs or social organizations.
11. Promote social gatherings as well as with local community leaders.
12. Assist in maintaining a high state of group moral and esprit de corps, while encouraging the highest standards of safety, bearing, and behavior.
14. Improve the morale and welfare of the WWR members and their family members.
15. Invite guest speakers to talk about topics of interest to the members, with emphasis on safety, rider skills, and community/family enhancement.
16. Provide a forum wherein any policy, program, or problem of interest to the members in general, along with unit leadership in particular, may be discussed freely.

ARTICLE III
Qualification of Members

SECTION A: Regular membership in the WWR shall be permitted for all individuals who have motorcycle registered and strictly on a voluntary basis, and without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or handicap. Membership will not be granted to any prospect or member of a known or previously unknown outlaw motorcycle club. Active Members must have a motorcycle endorsement on their license and maintain insurance as required by law. All active duty members and civilian employees (as required by DoD and service instructions) operate on post/base must have a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) endorsement card. All members must be aware that they are jointly and severally liable for the obligations of the WWR. Membership shall consist of five categories as defined below:

1. **Active Member.** Any individual who is active duty, retired, civilian, or federal employee and is currently an owner-operator of a motorcycle at the time of election to membership in the Club. To remain active fees must be paid to date. Active members will have all voting rights.
2. **Honorary Member.** An honorary member is defined as any person who shall be elected to such position by a quorum of the membership. The honorary member will be entitled insignia, and to participate in Club Functions. The honorary member will not be obligated for fees, nor shall the honorary member have any voting privileges.
3. **Prospective Member.** A prospective member is defined as a temporary who is a candidate for regular membership. The prospective member has all obligations and privileges of membership except voting on matters of membership and amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws, and is not permitted to wear the club colors. The term of prospective membership shall not be less than two months duration.
4. **Associate Member:** Any individual who rides as a passenger with an active member. An associate member is authorized to vote and discuss all matters in which the member has interests. No active member can sponsor more than two associate members. No associate member can be someone eligible to become an Active Member.
5. **New Rider Member:** Any new member who has less than 1 year riding experience upon applying for active membership or is intending to purchase a motorcycle in conjunction with joining the WWR. A mentor must be selected from the general membership to observe and advise the new rider for a period of six months. The mentor is selected by an agreed upon decision of the President, Vice president, and SGT at Arms. After completion of the six month period, with mentor concurrence, the individual becomes an active member. If the mentor feels the members 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 a member of the club. New Rider Members pay no dues for the first 6-months and have full voting privileges.

SECTION B: Active participation and support of rides, projects, activities, and functions of the WWR are encouraged and are the responsibility of every member.

SECTION C: Membership may be denied or withdrawn from active, honorary, or inactive members under the conditions prescribed by the officers of the WWR in accordance with Article III, sections A and D, of this charter and Article I of the by-laws (See Road Captains). Membership may terminate at the written request of the member. Also, all members shall comply with installation, local, State, Army, and DoD requirements. They will support all unit safety efforts and employ Composite Risk Management principles.

SECTION D: Any member convicted of a DUI/DWI will be suspended from active membership status in the WWR. Suspension of active membership will be based upon actual loss of driving privileges as deemed appropriate by command authorities, based on legal authority. Also active membership status will be suspended for the members that do not attend one of the mandatory safety meetings per year. However, only valid justifications are: family related, work, and emergencies; and other such issues will be reviewed and the club president will make judgment.

FEES

1. Active Member: \$60 annually (\$15 per quarter)
2. Associate Member: \$30 annually
3. New Rider Member: No fee for first 6-months then an Active Member
4. Honorary Member: No annual fee

SECTION E:

1. All members and prospects will wear colors or shirt or jacket that signifies membership or future membership in WWR to all meetings and events.
2. Colors must be worn when riding your motorcycle to all club events.
3. Colors ARE NOT to be worn by anyone that is not a member of WWR
4. All Colors, patches, hats, shirts, jackets or any item with the WWR club insignia or name remains the property of WWR. In the event a member withdraws his/her membership from the club at anytime all said items must be returned to the club within 24 hours of departure. The Sergeant of Arms of said charter will arrange the return of items and the payment of any monies owed by former member. In the event he or she is not available, an appointed officer will act in his stead.
5. In the event a member has received PCS orders he/she is permitted to retain colors of one year with due being paid before PCS also with the intent to establish or join the local club of WWR.
6. All members must attend regular scheduled business meetings.
7. Individual charters determine dues.
8. All members must attend two mandatory club runs each year.

BY-LAWS

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

ARTICLE I Officers, Their Duties, and Elections

SECTION A: (Elected Officers) The following WWR officers will be elected in accordance with the charter of the WWR, to serve a period of one year (1 October – 30 September). The position the President must be held by an Active Duty Member or DoD civilian employee to maintain continuity with installation's leadership, and assure positive direction for the WWR. There are no restrictions for other elected officers.

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Sergeant at arms
6. Road Captains (4)

The WWR officers' election, removal, powers, and responsibilities shall be governed according to the rules contained in "The New Robert's Rules of Order" except when it is inconsistent with this charter and associated by-laws.

SECTION B: (Duties of Officers)

PRESIDENT

The duties are as follow:

1. Manage the WWR according to its Charter, By-laws, and "The New Robert's Rules of Order."
2. Preside at all membership and special meetings.
3. Set dates for membership, special, and executive committee 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 be scheduled for a temporary election for the vacant position when more than three months are remaining on their term.
6. Appoint points of contact (POCs).
7. Act as WWR spokesperson.
8. Chair Executive Committee.
9. Authorize expenditures, not to exceed \$100.00 per purchase, between scheduled meetings of the membership, with 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. **ROAD CAPTAINS** (See road captains duties)
 - b. **HISTORIAN** (Maintains documentation of WWR history).
 - c. **PHOTOGRAPHER** (Photographs WWR events and members participating in/at events).
 - d. **MENTOR(S)**
 - Will observe and assist New Rider members
 - A mentor is also defined as “a trusted counselor or guide”. Mentoring therefore, is a relationship in which a person with greater experience and wisdom guides another person”
 - The mentor will use available training and promotional resources to encourage safe responsible riding techniques and skills.

VICE PRESIDENT

The duties are as follows:

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

SECRETARY

The duties are as follows:

1. Record the minutes of membership meetings and take attendance.
2. Distribution of minutes within 10 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 WWR correspondence.
5. Issue annual election ballots.
6. Chair Social Committee.
7. Serve as member of the Executive Committee.
8. Provide other administrative support required by the WWR.
9. Attest to the authentication of documents and any other actions by the Director in the name of the WWR.
10. Maintain a WWR e-mail folder (if capability exists).

TREASURER

The duties are as follows:

1. Issue and accept membership applications/resignations.
2. Maintain POC roster and make available to the WWR (via e-mail if capability exists).
3. Maintain WWR checking account(s).
4. Maintain financial membership roster and make available to the WWR.
5. Read monthly financial report at each membership meeting.

6. Provide financial report to the WWR (via e-mail if capability exists).
7. Serve as member of the Executive Committee.
8. Provide a monthly financial report to president and other officials to ensure accuracy of club financial status.
9. Collect and receipt for membership fees.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

The duties are as follows:

1. Administers discipline and is responsible for recovery of WWR property.
2. Will maintain proper discipline and order of all club meetings and functions.

ROAD CAPTAINS

The duties are as follows:

1. Lead the WWR 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 WWR 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.
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 WWR from behind and assist members with mechanical problems.
5. All club rides will have WWR which represent each riding style (cruising & sport)

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 on and off the installation, all members will conduct themselves with the highest regard of the club principles. 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 an illegal act or acts. If a member is arrested for illegal activities they are automatically suspended from club activities and if found guilty of the offense(s) they are dismissed from the club.
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.
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 an impaired physical condition. Every member will always try to prevent another member from riding in an impaired condition.
7. Members will always hold the club in high regard. A member will never angrily accost, assault, or slander any other fellow club member.
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

SECTION D: ELECTIONS

Election of WWR officers shall be done annually during the September general membership meeting. The WWR Vice President at the June membership meeting will appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least three members. The committee will deliver to the July regular membership meeting a "Candidate Affidavit of Eligibility and Solicitation of Office" proposal. Members seeking to serve as officers of the WWR will have until the August 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 August 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.

VOTING

Voting for the election of officers will be by secret ballot. Voting on all other WWR 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 September general membership meeting, absentee ballots may be obtained from the WWR secretary. Members of the nominating committee will tabulate ballots. The candidate for each position with the most votes wins.

OFFICER REMOVAL

WWR officers may be removed from office for cause with due process, as necessary, by request of the majority of the active membership in the form of a signed petition.

ARTICLE II

Meetings of the WWR

SECTION A: (General Membership Meeting) Shall be held once a year, in September, for the purpose of electing new officers except the president, the president will be elected bi-annually and serve a two year term, disseminating other business. 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 Meeting) Shall be held once a month at location TBD and so stated in the by-laws for the purpose of conducting business that may be brought before the WWR, listening to guest speakers, etc. To convene a regular membership meeting, a quorum of 7 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 request for complete written financial reports. In this exceptional case, a two-thirds (2/3) majority of positive votes is required.

ARTICLE III

Revisions, Adoptions, Amendments, and Review

SECTION A: (Revisions/Adoptions) The adoption and or revision of this charter and associated by-laws require the approval of a majority of positive votes of the active members present at any meeting, provided a two-week oral or written notice is given the WWR. Any revision to this charter and associated by-laws will not conflict with any Installation or directives from higher headquarters. This charter and associated by-laws will not take effect until reviewed by the first acting and or subsequent elected positions of the President, Executive Officers, and Vice President.

SECTION B: (Amendments) This charter and associated by-laws may be amended or abolished in whole or in part by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of positive votes of the active members present at any meeting, provided a two-week oral or written notice is given to the WWR. Any amendments to this charter and associated by-laws will not conflict with any directives from higher headquarters. All amendments will not take effect until reviewed by the first acting and/or subsequent elected positions of the Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, and Treasurer.

SECTION C: (Review) An appointed Parliamentarian Committee shall review this charter and associated by-laws annually to ensure completeness, applicability, and compliance with current military directives, and policies.

