

Dogs of War description of posts and membership statuses

National Commander	is in charge of the Dogs of War Veterans' Motorcyclist Association (DOW). His task is to represent the Dogs Of War as the appointed spokesperson on all motorcycle forums and organisations. Abbreviated NC
National Master Chief	is the most senior rank under the NC. He will report to and aid the National Commander. In case of the National Commander being out of the country, he will assume temporary command. All Regional and other Master Chiefs report to him and fall under him. Abbreviated NMC
Regional Master Chief	is a province/district co-ordinator and the line of command between the Master Chiefs in his province/district and the National Master Chief. Abbreviated RMC
Master Chief	is an area co-ordinator and the line of command to the Regional Master Chief or National Master Chief (if there is no Regional Master Chief in his area). Abbreviated MC
Adjutant	is an administrative assistant to the National Master Chief, Regional Master Chief or Master Chief. The adjutant has no function in the line of command. Abbreviated ADJ
National Master Sergeant	takes command of all Master Sergeants. He will plan and co-ordinate all parades, lay out the parade and setup as well as remove all Banners and Flags. He will be responsible for the safety of everyone at any event. He can call on all Master Sergeants for duty at any of the above-mentioned events. He must ensure uniformity of dress code and must make recommendations about this from time to time to the National Executive for their decision. He must ensure implementation of all decisions by the National Executive. Abbreviated NMS
Regional Master Sergeant	falls under the command of the Regional Master Chief or senior Master Chief in the province/district where there is no Regional Master Chief. He keeps order during meetings. The Master Sergeants in the province/district will be at his disposal to assist to look out for the members, defend and protect the banners, flags and mascot, as well as equipment of the DOW. He will plan and co-ordinate all parades in the province/district of his responsibility, lay out the parade and setup as well as remove all banners and flags. He will work together with the NMS. Abbreviated RMS
Master Sergeant	falls under the command of the Platoon Commander and acts as the sergeant at arms of the platoon. He keeps order during meetings. He will always look out for the members, defend and protect the banners, flags, mascot, equipment and motorcycles of the platoon members. His duties is also to assist the Road Boss to enforce safety. Abbreviated MS
Platoon Commander	is in command of the DOW in a city or town. Certain large cities might have members in different suburbs who can be formed into separate platoons. The Platoon Commander will report to the Master Chief. A Platoon Commander will interview prospective members and arrange for their "hang-around" period. He will send the application to the Master Chief for approval after completion of the hang-around period, where-after the applicant will then begin his prospect period. Abbreviated PC
Road Boss	is to be the Road Captain/Convoy Commander when the DOW travel. He has to brief the pack before the ride and ride at the back and act as sweeper (or appoint someone to act as sweeper) to ensure that everyone arrive safely. With the assistance of the Master Sergeant he will ensure safety. He must assist the MS with security matters when the DOW arrive at the destination. Abbreviated RB

National Public Relations Officer	is a distinctive management function which helps establish and maintain lines of communication between the DOW and the public. The Public Relations Officer will assist in event co-ordination and with the relevant commander manage a committee for a project in a particular area. He will negotiate with possible sponsors. Abbreviated PRO
National Chief Financial Officer	is the person responsible for all financial matters of the DOW. He is responsible for the bookkeeping and manages the bank account(s) of the DOW. Abbreviated CFO
Chaplain	is the spiritual/religious "shepherd of the flock" and will assist in the spiritual need of members and veterans. He will also present the Word of God during a parade. Abbreviated CPLN
Counsellor	is a person trained to give guidance to the members and veterans in a certain area of his expertise, like Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Abbreviated CLLR
Free State Scout	is a DOW country member that falls under the National DOW HQ. A DOW member who ride in areas where no DOW structures exist, ride as a Free State Scout and displays an orange coloured tag with FS SCOUT on it on the right hand front side of his/her cuts. Abbreviated FSS
Noble	Is a patched member of DOW who have not completed military service/other qualifying active service and have a sincere dedication to helping veterans. A DOW Noble member wears a Noble badge on the right hand front side of his/her cuts.
Prospect	is the first level of membership any person may attain. Someone must transition from being a hang-around to being voted in as prospect. The purpose of the prospectship with DOW is for the prospect to get to know the DOW and for the DOW to get to know and trust the prospect as a brother in the DOW. A prospect with the DOW will only be given the GBNF side rocker, buddy project tag and his surname to wear on front of his black leather cuts. A prospect with DOW will not be allowed to wear anything on the back of his cuts.
Hang-around	is the official biker's name for a person who is trying to get to know a motorcycle group for the purposes of becoming a prospect at that group. You can spend time with a motorcycle group and hang out with them every night and not be considered a hang-around. When you become a hang-around with DOW, it is formally acknowledged that you are at a stage where you want to learn more about the DOW for the purposes of prospecting for the DOW. A hang-around with the DOW will be required to wear a black leather cuts without anything anywhere on it.