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# 2025 IOMGIA AGENDA

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## WE ENCOURAGE NETWORKING

Please exchange business cards, challenge coins, patches and pins in an effort to build your investigative team. You may not think so, but in the days, weeks, months and years to follow the people you meet with at IOMGIA will help you in any investigation you have.

Start building your team today!

Remember your OMG's travel to other areas and do not understand or have any jurisdictional restrictions.

*If you want to go fast, go alone.  
If you want to go far, go with others.*

~ African Proverb

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# IOMGIA 2025



## President's Welcome Message to IOMGIA 2025

IOMGIA Family,

Welcome to the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs Investigations Association Conference in Litchfield, Arizona. On behalf of the entire organization, I am thrilled to have you here for what promises to be an inspiring and impactful week. This conference is more than a gathering—it's an opportunity to forge lasting relationships that will strengthen our collective fight against outlaw motorcycle gangs and their global networks. Your presence here underscores your commitment to this critical mission, and we are excited to share this experience with you.

You are making a difference. Your work as investigators, analysts and attorneys is nothing short of extraordinary. You are not just protecting your cities or countries—you are disrupting transnational criminal enterprises that threaten communities worldwide. Every case you work, every lead you follow, and every collaboration you build has a ripple effect, making the world safer. Your dedication to tackling the complex, dangerous world of outlaw motorcycle gangs is critical, and we see the difference you make every day. This conference is a chance to celebrate your impact, share expertise, and recommit to our shared purpose.

A top priority this week is fostering connections that extend far beyond this conference. The relationships you build here—with fellow investigators, analysts, attorneys, international partners, and experts—will become lifelines in your work. These bonds, forged through shared challenges and goals, will endure, enabling you to collaborate across borders and jurisdictions long after we leave Arizona. Take time to network, exchange ideas, and listen to one another. The partnerships you form this week will amplify your impact and strengthen our global network against organized crime.

I know your jobs are relentless. The demands of investigating outlaw motorcycle gangs can consume your time and energy, but I urge you to prioritize yourself and your families. Time is a finite resource—you won't get back the moments you miss with loved ones. Make space for rest, hobbies, and those precious family milestones. Balance is resilience and it makes you better equipped to handle the challenges of this work. This week, we'll share strategies for maintaining that balance, ensuring you can sustain your passion and effectiveness for the long haul.

We are excited about what this conference has in store. From cutting-edge investigative techniques to real-world case studies, you'll gain tools and insights to enhance your work. Our lineup of classes and panel discussions will spark new ideas and strategies. But more than that, this week is about camaraderie and inspiration. You'll leave Arizona reinvigorated, connected, and ready to continue your vital work with renewed purpose.

### The Power of Partnerships and Our Legacy

For decades, the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs Investigations Association has thrived because of partnerships like the ones you'll form this week. Our organization's longevity is rooted in the trust, collaboration, and shared vision of people like you. These relationships—built on mutual respect and a commitment to justice—have made us a global force against organized crime. As you engage this week, know that you are part of a legacy that spans generations and continents. The connections you make here will not only shape your career but also strengthen our organization for years to come. Let's make this week the start of partnerships that endure and a mission that grows ever stronger.

*Chris Schaefer*  
IOMGIA President

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# 2025 IOMGIA AWARDS

## OUTSTANDING PROSECUTION AWARD

The Outstanding Prosecution Award recognizes a prosecutor whose efforts distinguished that person, that the individual demonstrated an appreciation of the dangers posed by outlaw motorcycle gangs (OMGs), a keen understanding of outlaw motorcycle gang activity, and an aggressive/innovative approach during litigation of OMG investigations.

The 2025 Outstanding Prosecution Award is presented to Assistant Criminal District Attorney **Bryan Jiral**- Smith County DA Office and Assistant Criminal District Attorney **Kasey Sirianni** - Smith County DA Office For their dedication in successfully prosecuting members of the Cossacks OMG members in *Operation "Ugly Man."* Prosecutors Jiral and Sirianni conducted multiple difficult and lengthy trials, and the team was able to "roll" several former Cossack members into testifying successfully against the defendants. Their prosecution efforts not only led to significant prison sentences for the three defendants who committed the murder, but also targeted the criminal enterprise of the "Ugly Man" Cossacks. Their pursuit of the two Cossacks OMG national leaders who masterminded the murder marked a pivotal achievement in dismantling the leadership of this violent organization.

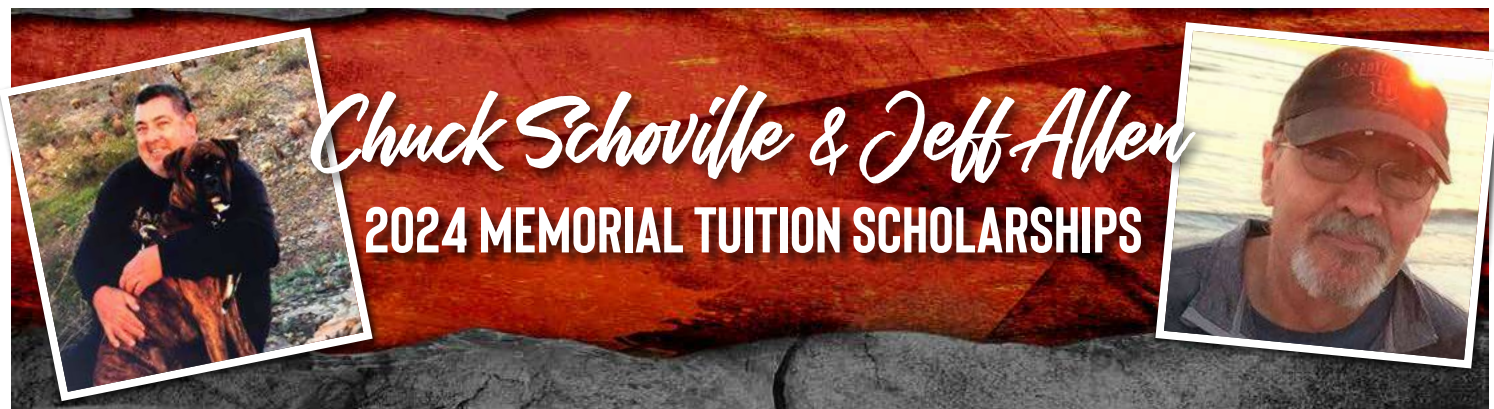
## OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AWARD

The 2025 Outstanding Dedication Award is presented to Officer **Caleb Frerer** - Spearfish Police Department, for his initiative and dedication in pursuing an investigation into a violent attack by Sons of Silence OMG members that terrorized a citizen. Officer Frerer's efforts resulted in the service of several search warrants, seizure of evidence, and arrest of multiple Sons of Silence members, including a chapter president.

## ROBERT FAULKNER MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATION (UNITED STATES)

The Award is named for a former Florida Highway Patrol Trooper who retired as a Broward County Sheriff's Office Sergeant in the Organized Crime Unit. Bob Faulkner was a cornerstone in numerous racketeer investigations of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club. While Bob was one of the world renowned outlaw motorcycle gang experts he avoided the spotlight, believing that an outstanding successful investigation was its own reward. The Robert Faulkner Memorial Award is to be awarded to individuals attached to law enforcement agencies who participated in a successful investigation of outlaw motorcycle gang members. The nominees should exemplify a dedication to combating the criminal activities of outlaw motorcycle gangs.

The 2025 Robert Faulkner Award is presented to Special Agent **Russell 'Clay' Steelman** - TX Dept of Public Safety and Captain **Jason Railsback**- Smith County Sheriff's Office for their pivotal role in *Operation "Ugly Man,"* a 4+ year investigation in the murder of a Cossacks OMG member, utilizing multi-agency cooperation, confidential informant development, use of electronic surveillance, search warrants, and numerous interviews of current and past members of both the "Ugly Man" Cossacks and the 1%er Cossacks. As a result of this investigation three OMG members were sentenced to prison for their involvement in the murder, and two others convicted for their roles in directing activities of a criminal street gang.



The Chuck Schoville and Jeff Allen Memorial Tuition Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who meet the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigator Association (IOMGIA) membership criteria and who can demonstrate the need for a scholarship to attend the annual IOMGIA training seminar.

Chuck and Jeff taught thousands of law enforcement personnel, corrections personnel and prosecutors about the ongoing worldwide organized criminal activities of outlaw motorcycle gangs (OMG). It is a fitting tribute to their dedication to continuing education that the IOMGIA award scholarships to further the IOMGIA motto of "Training to Lead and Succeed" by providing tuition assistance to attendees so they can further their knowledge, training and experience in OMG investigations.

The Schoville & Allen scholarships are a continuing IOMGIA program funded through contributions from IOMGIA members, supporting business and raffle sales.

This year a total of 3 Jeff Allen & Chuck Schoville Memorial Scholarships were awarded to recipients from recipients from the United States.

**Lieutenant Mike Amos** | United States

**Trial Attorney Shannon Sweet** | United States

**Analyst Eric Montanez** | United States



# SUCCESSSES FROM THE FIELD

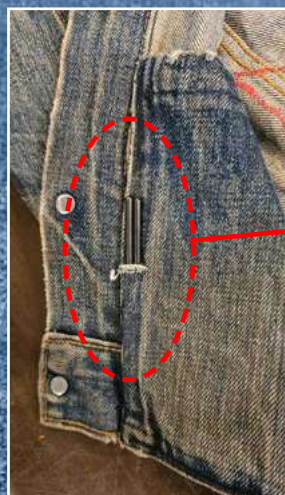
*A Firsthand Account from IOMGIA member Caleb Ferren (Fort Worth Police Department, Gang Enforcement)*

Last year I got the opportunity to see the historical room full of old cuts set up by the IOMGIA board. There were a number of cuts on mannequins, and some laid out flat on the tables. Being from Texas, there were so many patches I had never seen so I took the opportunity to photograph everything that I could, including the background stories played on a loop on the TV in the room. On one of the tables there was a Diablos cut that I photographed front and back. As I flipped it over, I felt something hard on one of the seams. When I opened it, I saw two small spikes, or shanks, sewn into one of the seams of the denim. On closer evaluation, I found two more of the same type, as well as a small, pointed file typically used in model making. Those of you who were in attendance may remember those photos were promptly put into the class Nasty and I taught, in the section on non-traditional weapons carried by OMGs. As I stated before, I knew the photographs would be a useful teaching tool, but had no idea the future impact they would have.

Fast forward to July of 2024 when IOMGIA Board of Directors member Jeremy Scheetz assembled the OMG Task Force to work the Hells Angels USA Run in Des Moines, Iowa. On day one of the run, BJ George (South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation) and the deputy he was with conducted a stop on two Hells Angels members. A second deputy and I backed them up. As BJ handled the lead rider, I performed the standard IOMGIA stop on the second rider, Steven Motes, a Hells Angels member from Anderson, South Carolina. I removed a firearm, edged weapon (knife), ball peen hammer, and extendable baton from his person. As I felt each item, I asked what they were. Motes would say, "That's a baton" or "that's a knife" with each item I located during the pat-down. When I got to the watch pocket of his jeans, I felt a small metallic item and asked what it was. He remained silent until I asked again. He then said, "Something that will get me in trouble." I had his hands pinned behind him at the time and decided to cuff him right then because he was, if memory serves me correctly, about 6'5" and looked like Grizzly Adams. I then removed a homemade duct tape pouch out of his pocket and located a very narrow metal spoon and dope folded up in a \$1 bill. BJ and his deputy then transported him to the jail where he was booked in for the gun and dope.

Several weeks later I was contacted by the Polk County District Attorney's office informing me I was likely to be called to testify about this incident. Motes had been offered a plea deal for the weapons charge but at the time refused it and filed a motion

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## SUCCESSES FROM THE FIELD ~continued~

to suppress because they believed I exceeded the scope of a pat-down. From body camera footage by the deputies on scene, they alleged that I manipulated clothing to find the dope during the pat-down. I explained that I didn't care about finding dope at that point but was concerned with finding weapons.

I told the attorney that when dealing with OMGs, even the smallest of metallic objects will be removed, and I had examples of why. That is when the spoon and photos of the spikes come into play. In the photos BJ took, you will notice the spoon is roughly the same size and length as the spikes from the Diablos cut. Utilizing my knowledge, training and experience from the IOMGIA is ultimately what led to his arrest, and eventual conviction. I emailed the DA the photos of the spikes found in the Diablos cut and you could hear it in his voice that his mindset had changed with those pictures. He said he would submit them with the case file and let me know.

Months had passed since that conversation, so I reached out to ask what the status of the case was and if I was still on the hook to come testify. The prosecutor's response was:

*"It was your pic that got him to plead rather than try and suppress the search (another hells angel went that route and won). So he plead to the weapon charge, all thanks your work.*

*Thanks again!"*



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# COMANCHES MC



Let the new story begin



On the 13th of May, 2023, the National Police in Denmark, reported that Comanches MC was established.

Comanches MC is a new organization, both nationally in Denmark, and also internationally. The organization is controlled by Danish members from Comanches MC National Europe. All members of the Comanches MC are former members of the former Satudarah MC, which has been closed down.

As of February 2025, Comanches MC has confirmed chapters in Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Serbia, Montenegro, Austria, Spain, Thailand, USA (Arkansas, New York, and Colorado) and is expanding rapidly.

A high-ranking member of the Comanches MC told the Danish police the Satudarah MC in Denmark was closed down effective May 13, 2023 and the new club, Comanches MC was formed in its place. Satudarah MC's leadership in the Netherlands were informed about the situation and were displeased.

According to Danish police, there are two hypotheses why this happened:

1. The Satudarah MC leadership in Denmark feared they were about to be banned by the Danish government which had previously occurred in the Netherlands, Germany, and Norway. Or,
2. The leader of Satudarah MC in Denmark, Mohammed Nadim KHAN, considers himself to be the true leader of the organization, and had a hard time following the original Dutch members' leadership. According to Khan, he is responsible for all Satudarah's development, and his contributions are not respected or valued by the Dutch originals.

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Nadim Khan, while he a high-ranking officer within Satudarah MC Denmark.

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## STRUCTURE:

Comanches MC is hierarchically organized, like other outlaw motorcycle gangs (OMCGs). Members of Comanches MC National Europe are at the top of the organization. These national members have officer titles or nomad status. The other countries' Comanches fall under the Comanches MC National Europe. The subordinate countries have one or more chapters, with the traditional OMCG structure, consisting of officers, members, prospects, and hangarounds.

## RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER OMCGS

Comanches MC are involved in an ongoing conflict with the Hells Angels MC in Denmark, which has resulted in several violent acts on both sides. The conflict is primarily the result of a territorial dispute regarding the cannabis market in Copenhagen. A contributing factor is that Comanches MC have patched in several former Hells Angels MC members, many of whom were in bad standing/no contact.



Nadim Khan together with two former high ranking members of Hells Angels MC Denmark. All are now Comanches MC.



Pictures found on social media, suggest there is a friendship between Comanches MC, and Vagos MC.

Comanches MC established several chapters along the sunny coast of Spain, together with other OMCGs like Bandidos MC and Hells Angels MC. There have been several confrontations between Hells Angels MC and Comanches MC in Spain.

The southern coast of Spain is of great strategic importance to several criminal networks (including OMCGs) trafficking cannabis through the rest of Europe, and up to Scandinavia. This due to the proximity to Morocco, where the cannabis is produced.

Comanches MC will face difficult times in Scandinavia and other European countries due to governments banning criminal organizations like OMCGs. These bans may lead to expansion into other parts of the world, such as the United States and, as other OMCGs have done in the wake of European sanctions.

International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association



**TRAFFIC STOP TO SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION**

### **INVESTIGATIVE CONTACTS WITH OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS (OMGs)**

Across the globe, Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMGs) are engaged in violent conflicts over self-perceived control of cities, counties, regions, provinces, states, and even entire countries. These ongoing rivalries have led to countless assaults, stabbings, shootings, and homicides.

Due to this culture of violence, OMG members, prospects, and hang-arounds frequently arm themselves with both traditional and non-traditional weapons. They are prepared for spontaneous encounters with rivals—whether on an interstate, in a restaurant, bar, public roadway, or at a benefit ride. These encounters can happen *anywhere*.

From Australia to Austin, or Scotland to Scottsdale, law enforcement officers must understand how to effectively and legally engage with OMG members during roadside encounters. Whether dealing with Reasonable Articulate Suspicion (RAS), Probable Cause, a frisk, or a full search, officers must be thoroughly familiar with the laws in their respective jurisdictions.

### **STEPS OF A TRAFFIC STOP**

- **Legal Basis**

Build RAS or probable cause for to conduct lawful contact or stops.

- **Commands Before Approach**

Issue clear commands before approaching: motorcycle off, kickstand up, hands on head.

- **Approach**

Approach from the 5 o'clock position. Conduct a visual inspection of both the rider and the motorcycle, specifically looking for weapons.

- **Pat Down / Frisk**

When legally justified, conduct a thorough pat-down of the rider. Remove any weapons while they are detained.

- **Off the Motorcycle**

Direct the rider off the high side of the motorcycle then to the shoulder and away from traffic.

- **Investigation / Field Interview**

Conduct a field interview. Document any OMG-specific clothing, patches, or identifiers.

- **Reminder of the Stop**

Clearly restate the legal reason for the detention. This should be followed with a written warning or traffic citation, serving as the official documentation of the stop's purpose.

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## TRAFFIC STOP TO SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION *~continued~*

### SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL DETENTIONS

- **Command Presence & Professionalism**  
Take charge of the stop confidently, but always maintain professionalism in your words and actions.
- **Visual Scan for Weapons**  
Pair a visual scan with a frisk or pat-down for weapons. Don't rely on one without the other.
- **Personnel**  
Ensure you have adequate backup. Use a contact/cover approach for officer safety.
- **Equipment Check**
  - Verify the VIN numbers.
  - Does the registration match the vehicle?
  - Are there any signs of tampering or aftermarket modifications?
- **DOCUMENT, DOCUMENT, DOCUMENT**
  - Utilize body-worn cameras and photographs whenever possible.
  - Ensure your written report aligns with body camera footage.
  - Note your observations, the suspect's behavior, and anything that stands out.

### FINISH THE JOB

**Documentation is one of the most critical components of your case.** Your police report should clearly articulate:

- Your observations
- Your training and experience
- The decisions you made
- The actions you took

A well-documented stop increases the likelihood of a successful prosecution. Remember: If it is not documented, it didn't happen.

### CASE LAWS ON TRAFFIC STOPS (USA)

#### Pretextual Stops

Whren v. United States, 517 U.S. 806 (1996)

#### Using Past Encounters for RAS

U.S. v. Holmes, No. 03-3026 (D.C. Cir. 2004)

#### Pat Down/Frisk of Individual

Terry v. Ohio, 392 U.S. 1 (1968)

U.S. v. Mattarolo, 209 F.3d 1153 (2000)

Michigan v. Long, 463 U.S. 1032 (1983)

#### Passengers on Traffic Stops

Arizona v. Johnson, 555 U.S. (2009)

Pennsylvania v. Mimms, 434 U.S. 106 (1977)

Maryland v. Wilson, 519 U.S. 408 (1997)

Brendlin v. California, 551 U.S. 249 (2007)

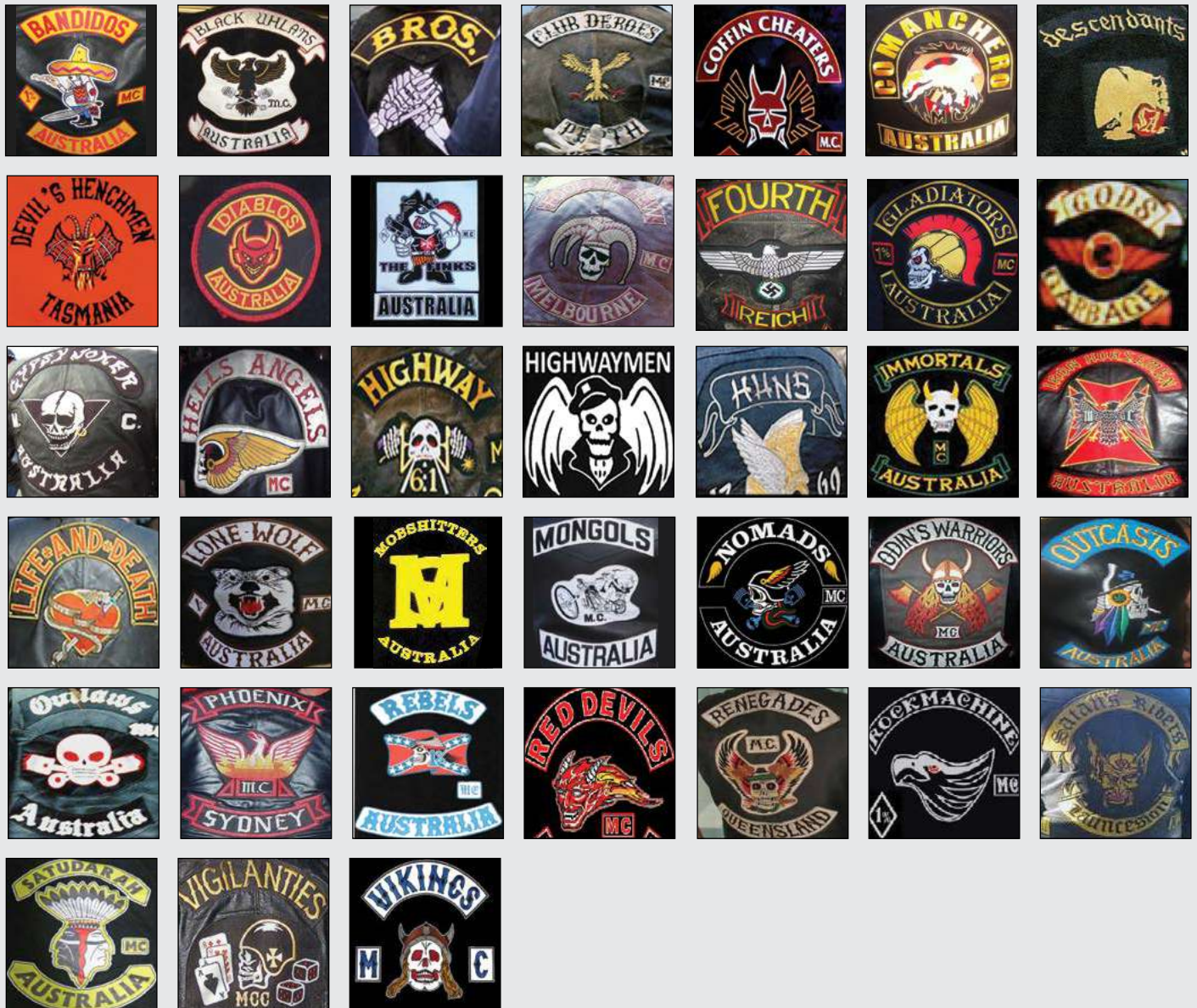
#### Looking for VIN not violation of 4th Amendment

New York v. Class, 475 U.S. 106 (1986)

# AUSTRALIAN OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS IDENTIFICATION CHART



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## VAGOS MOTORCYCLE GANG

The Vagos Motorcycle Club (MC) was formed in San Bernardino, California, in 1966. The San Bernardino chapter is considered the Vagos' mother chapter of the club. Today, the Vagos are considered an outlaw motorcycle gang (OMG) because of their involvement in felony crimes, including assaults, murders, narcotics, firearms, and other serious crimes. The Vagos expanded across the United States, into Mexico, Canada, South America and Europe.

*History of the Vagos Motorcycle Club*

The Vagos MC got its start in the early 60's in San Bernardino, California. In the early days, a tight brotherhood was established to survive the war's between the rival clubs and the constant harassment of the police. The term "Vagos" comes from the Spanish language meaning, "traveling gypsy" or "a street-wise person that's always up to something".

Shortly after the club was formed, a patch was designed. While incarcerated, "Moose", a Vago from Berdoo Chapter, drew a design featuring the Norse God, "Loki", the God of Mischief. Upon his release from prison, they had the patch made and sewn onto Levi denim jackets. They flew their colors with So. Cal on the bottom rockers.

The style of dress and strong brotherhood is still found in abundance in the Vagos of today.

**Viva Los Vagos!**



### VAGOS PATCH

Vagos members wear a distinctive set of patches on the back of denim or leather vests. Unlike the colors of most traditional OMGs, which consist of three patches (top rocker, center patch, and bottom rocker), Vagos colors are comprised of a two-piece patch. The Vagos center patch



Old style Vagos patch (from 1960s to early 2000s)

is Loki, the Norse god of mischief, astride a winged wheel, holding a scroll with the word "Vagos." The letters M and C (Motorcycle Club) are featured on the center patch. The bottom rocker is separate from the center patch and denotes the state (in the United States) or country of the member's chapter.



Current Vagos patch (early 2000s to present)

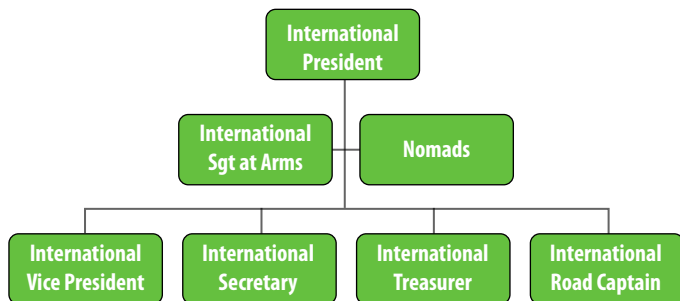


# VAGOS STRUCTURE

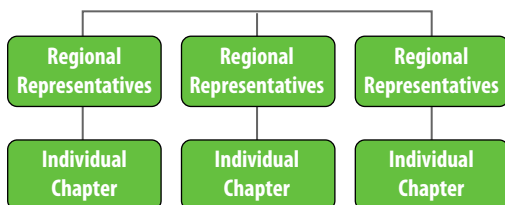
## STRUCTURE

The Vagos OMG has a set of bylaws that define the gang's membership requirements and governing structure. Elected officers govern the gang at international and chapter levels. The international president and international vice president are elected. The international president appoints international sergeants-at-arms (at times they have had two international sergeants-at-arms), an international secretary, and an international road captain. The Nomad chapter reports directly to the international president. The Nomad chapter consists of members who are not tied to any specific geographic area and who have at least 10 years in the gang. Nomad members may recruit members for new areas or mentor existing Vagos chapters. The international president appoints state and regional representatives. The representatives act as liaisons between individual chapters and the international leadership. Chapters have a similar hierarchy, including president, vice president, sergeant-at-arms, secretary, treasurer, and road captain.

## INTERNATIONAL STRUCTURE



## REGIONAL STRUCTURE



## INDIVIDUAL CHAPTER AND MEMBERSHIP

**Individual Chapter** – A chapter is the basic unit of a motorcycle gang. It is semi-autonomous, will have its own bylaws and leadership, but operates in accordance with the international bylaws



**Chapter Officers** – Each chapter has its own officers, including president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and sergeant at arms. Officers may wear tabs indicating rank on the front of their cuts

**Members** – Members wear a full patch with the Loki and state bottom rocker on the back. Front patches are generally worn at the members' discretion. According to bylaws members are probationary for their first two years in the gang

**Prospect** – Prospect period for the Vagos is a minimum of one year. Prospects require a 100% vote from their chapter's membership to become members. Prospects generally wear a vest with chapter and "Prospect" tabs on the front and state bottom rocker on the back

**Hangaround** – A member in good standing must nominate someone as a hangaround. Hangaround period for the Vagos varies but should be a minimum of three months. The uniform of a hangaround varies widely depending on the chapter. Some wear support clothing and vest with no patches, others have hangaround patches

## CHAPTERS

Vagos reportedly have chapters in Mexico, Brazil, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Chile, Canada, France, Belgium, Germany, and the United States. US states with chapters include:

California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Idaho, New York, Illinois, Utah, Missouri, Georgia

## WOMEN AND THE VAGOS

Members may allow their wives or girlfriends to wear a "property patch." A property patch serves as a notice to other members and those outside the gang that the woman is affiliated with a specific member. The back of Vagos' property patch reads "Property of," followed by the member's gang moniker. The front has tab that reads "VOL," for Vago Ol' Lady.

According to Vagos bylaws, a member is responsible for his ol' lady's conduct. A member can be disciplined by the gang if he does properly address issues caused by his ol' lady.



# VAGOS PATCHES

There is little to no standardization for what Vagos members wear on the front of their vests. It varies widely between members and chapters. Vagos may wear the gang name, chapter or officer's position or status patches on the front of their vest.



## 1%ER DIAMOND

Vagos may wear a 1% diamond to indicate they are self-identifying as members of a dominant outlaw motorcycle gang. There are several styles in use.

**13** – when worn right side up refers to M for marijuana or methamphetamine, indicates the wearer uses or deals narcotics; when worn upside down indicates wearer does not use or deal narcotics.

**22** – V is the 22nd letter of the alphabet, indicates wearer has been a Vagos member for less than two years.

**V** – indicates wearer was involved in a fight with another motorcycle gang.



Various patches that indicate member has been involved in acts of violence.



Prospect Patch



Trust No One



Live Vago Die Vago



Vagos Forever Forever Vagos



## OFFICER BAR

Officer Status



In Memory of deceased brothers, tabs with individual names are members who died while wearer was in the gang



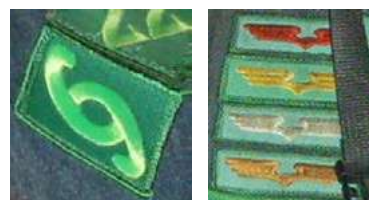
State or national flags indicate states or countries with Vagos chapters that the member visited, attended a Vagos event, or has close brothers.



The subdued American flag with lightning bolt, and/or the Vagos tag with a light colored outline, indicate the member is a regional president or regional sergeant at arms.



Members often wear side rockers with their current or former chapters



Explicit sexual acts committed in front of other members

# VAGOS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

## CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

The Vagos OMG has a history of violent confrontations with other motorcycle gangs, including the Mongols, Bandidos, Galloping Goose, and numerous smaller gangs. The Hells Angels and Pagan's OMGs are generally considered to be the Vagos' primary rivals.

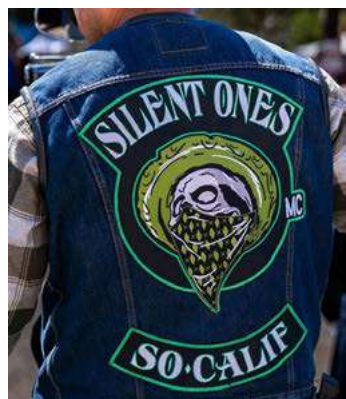
Vagos members commit violent acts such as assault and murder, primarily against rival OMG members. Law enforcement officials say criminal activity is the primary source of income for the Vagos OMG. Along with producing, transporting, and distributing narcotics, members are involved in prostitution operations, vehicle and vehicle parts theft, money laundering, and insurance fraud.

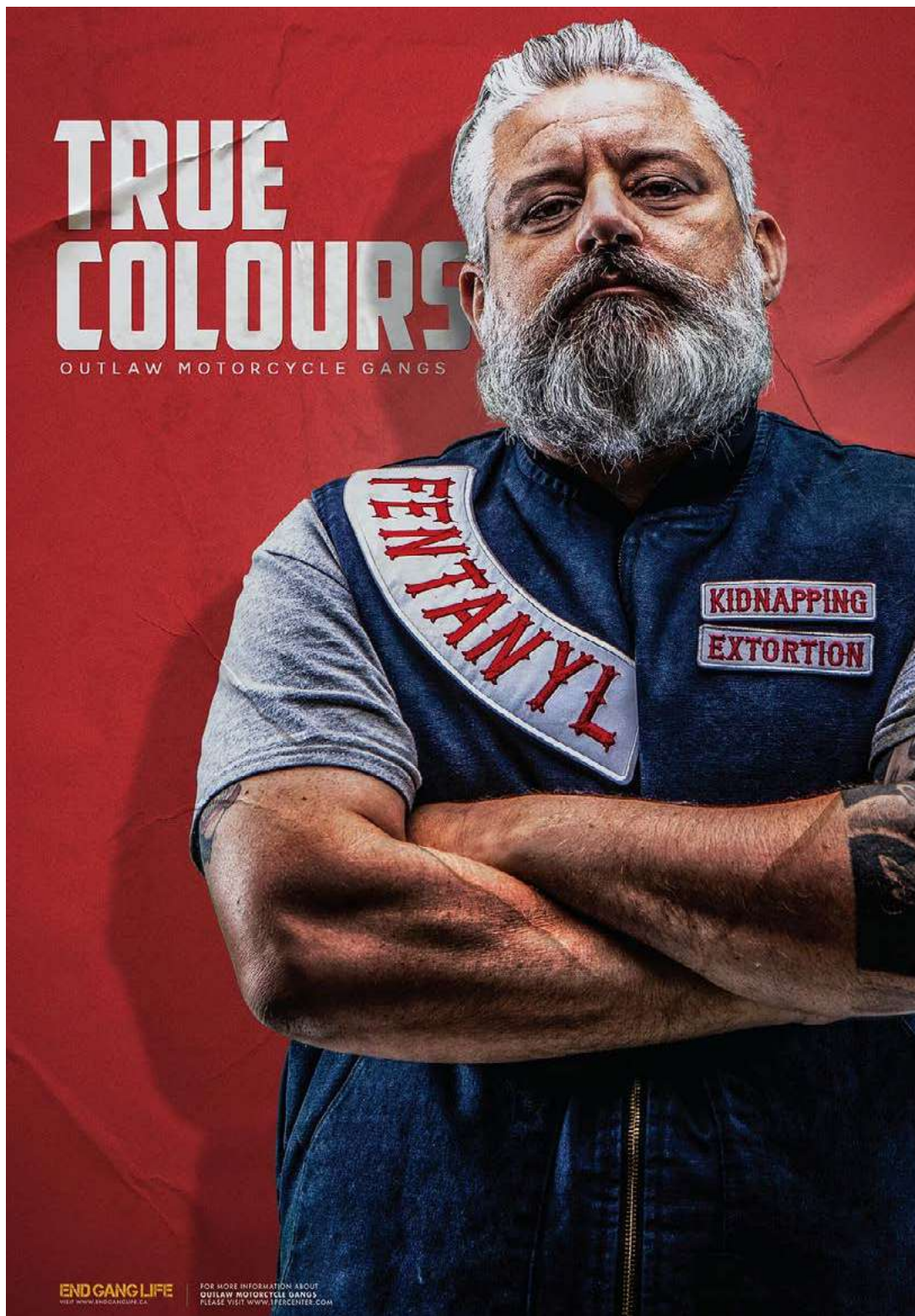
## SUPPORT CLUBS AND GANGS

The Vagos OMG has a network of smaller OMGs and motorcycle clubs, often called "support clubs." These gangs or clubs often indicate their affiliation with the Vagos by wearing green patches, clothing, or other indicia of membership in. They often wear a side rocker that reads, "Green Nation," which refers to the Vagos and associated groups. The Vagos main support gang is currently the Silent Ones MC.



Green Nation side rocker





IOMGIA recognizes True Colours, a program developed by Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of British Columbia (CFSEU-BC), which is B.C.'s "integrated anti-gang police agency."

True Colours is "An integrated marketing campaign combined multiple channels such as web, print, display advertising and social media in order to promote a consistent message to a specific audience across Canada."

The stated goal of the CFSEU\_BC End Gang Life ad campaign is to demystify the Outlaw Motorcycle Gang narrative to expose them for who they really are.

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# Chosen Few Motorcycle Club



## History

The Chosen Few Motorcycle Club (MC) was founded in either 1959, according to the club's official website, or in 1960, as stated by founding member Lionel Ricks—known by the moniker “Father.” Ricks established the club in Los Angeles, California, after African Americans were prohibited from joining the Hells Angels, prompting him to create an all-African American motorcycle club. That same year, the Chosen Few became one of the first racially integrated outlaw motorcycle clubs when they admitted their first white member. Today, the Chosen Few remains a multi-racial organization. Despite its historical significance, the Chosen Few is classified as an outlaw motorcycle gang due to its members' frequent involvement in serious criminal activities, including murder, assault, narcotics trafficking, and illegal weapons distribution.

## Structure

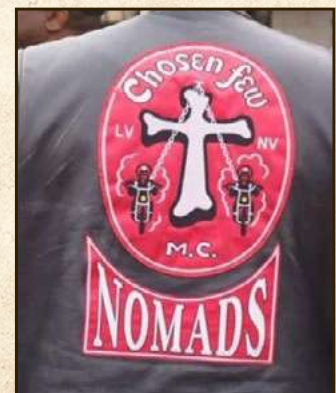
The Chosen Few OMG has a set of bylaws that define the gang's membership requirements and governing structure. The National President is elected, with each chapter having one vote, and serves a term of four years. He oversees the gang's operations and makes all official decisions. The National President appoints a Vice National President. The Vice National is second in the chain of command and acts in the National President's absence. National sergeant-at-arms, secretary, treasurer, road captain, and business manager are also appointed.

## Chosen Few Patch

Most traditional outlaw motorcycle gangs (OMG) wear three-piece patches (top rocker, center patch, and bottom rocker). The Chosen Few, however, wear a two-piece patch. The patches are worn on a blue or black denim or leather vest. Their constitution (bylaws) describes their back patches:

“...the back centerpiece is oval in a sea of red blood with a cross made of human bones in the center, a chain connected to the top of the cross by a nail. The other end of the chain is connected to the two bikers surrounded by smoke. Chosen Few, arched across the top of the cross in white letter and MC at the base of the cross. The State rocker is worn an inch and a half below the center patch. The same applies for the Nomad bottom rocker.”

The Chosen Few refer to their vests with patches colloquially as their colors, patch, or rags.

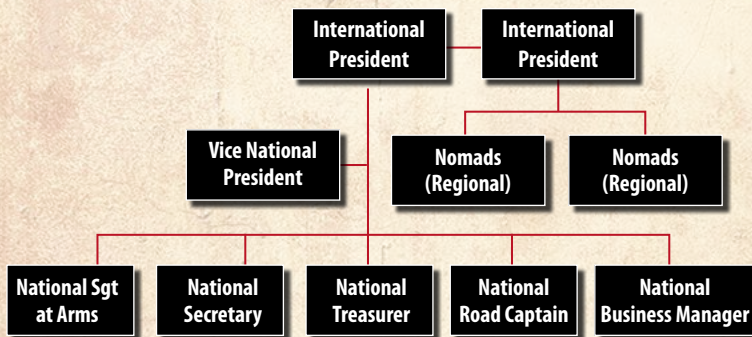




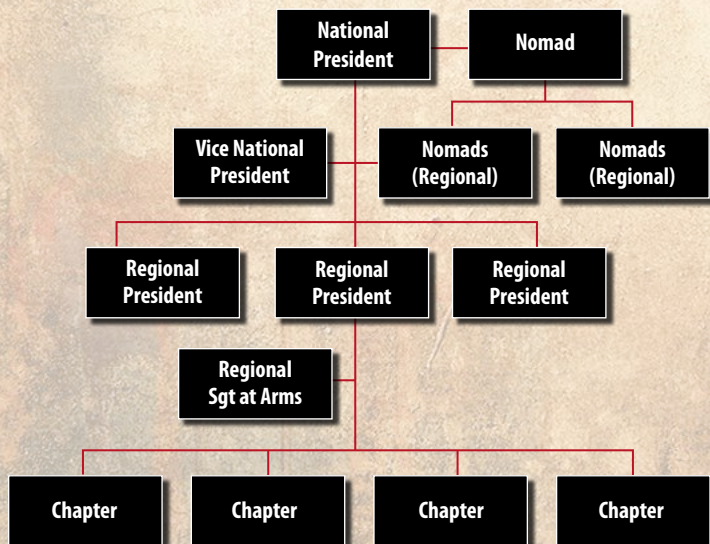
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## National Officers



## National Structure



The Nomad position in the Chosen Few is unique. The Nomad [in singular form] is an official role in the gang. He ranks third in the Chosen Few, behind the National President and Vice National, and before regional presidents. According to the Chosen Few constitution:

- The Nomad works directly for the National President.
- The Nomad position has no jurisdictions [editor's note: believed to mean no restrictions on or limit to jurisdiction].
- The Nomad builds and is overall in charge of the Region.
- Will be responsible for standing up new chapters and their success.
- The Nomad handles all matters either directly or indirectly under the Nationals supervision.
- The Nomad has the ability to take over any Chapter that the National has deemed that it is not functioning correctly and needs guidance and leadership.
- A Nomad has the ability to remove members out of their position under the discretion of the National President.
- The Nomad will have the responsibility of signing off on Chapters coming off probation.

The Nomad appoints regional Nomads [in plural form], usually six to eight per region. The Nomads work directly for the Nomad, and their jurisdiction is limited to the region in which they were appointed. The Nomads responsibilities include assisting the Nomad with starting new chapters and guiding them through their probation period, taking over any chapter in their region if the Nomad determines the chapter is not performing to the Chosen Few standards, or requires guidance or leadership. Nomads are required to attend all national and regional meetings.

The Nomads will wear "NOMADS" as their bottom and side rockers



# Chosen Few Patches

The Chosen Few constitution outlines how other patches will be worn on the front of members' colors.

Other patches can be worn on the front of the vest only with the permission of the national president.

## THE TAKE NONE GIVE NONE

is the Chosen Few version of the 1% diamond. It is worn on the upper right breast area of the vest. No patches are to be worn above the Take None Give None diamond. Unlike traditional outlaw motorcycle gangs, members of the Chosen Few must earn the Take None Give None diamond, usually by an act of violence or other significant service to the gang. The Chosen Few do not consider someone to be a full member until he earns his diamond.

## THE CHOSEN FEW MEMORIAL PATCH

is optional. If worn, it will be on the right side below the Take None Give None Diamond. Individual Memorial Patches will be worn on the right side, bottom of vest. Memorial patches can only be worn if the member knew the deceased personally, or if a member's sponsor or mentor gave him the memory patch.

## THE CFFFCF

(Chosen Few Forever Forever Chosen Few) patch is worn on the lower right front lined up on the front seams of the vest. The CFFFCF patch is optional.

## ANNIVERSARY PATCH

worn by members who attended the event commemorating a chapter anniversary. Note the Chosen Few symbolism on the patch: TNGN for "Take None Give None," the bone cross, and dice showing 3 and 6 for the third and sixth letters of the alphabet, C and F.



## PROSPECT PATCH

Someone who has completed his prospect period and earned the Chosen Few is called a "red Patch."



## THE 36

is optional and if worn it will be worn on the left side of the vest above the side rocker, centered or on the lower right side of the vest. The diamond 36 is reserved for members. The circle 36 has been seen worn by members, prospects, and property.



## THE CF FATHER PATCH

is worn by every member as a tribute to Lionel Ricks, founding member of the Chosen Few, on the upper left breast area. Ricks, who is held in the highest esteem by the Chosen Few, died on October 22, 2015. No patches are to be worn above the Father patch.

## OFFICER POSITION PATCHES

are worn on the left side below the Father patch.



The U.S. flag with the bone cross is also optional. If worn, will be displayed on the left breast below the officer position patch.

## STATE PATCHES

are worn by members of chapters within the state, or given to other members as symbols of brotherhood.

## GROUND POUNDER

is reportedly given or awarded to members who have ridden their motorcycles over 1500 miles to a Chosen Few event. The state or chapter of the event is often featured on the patch.

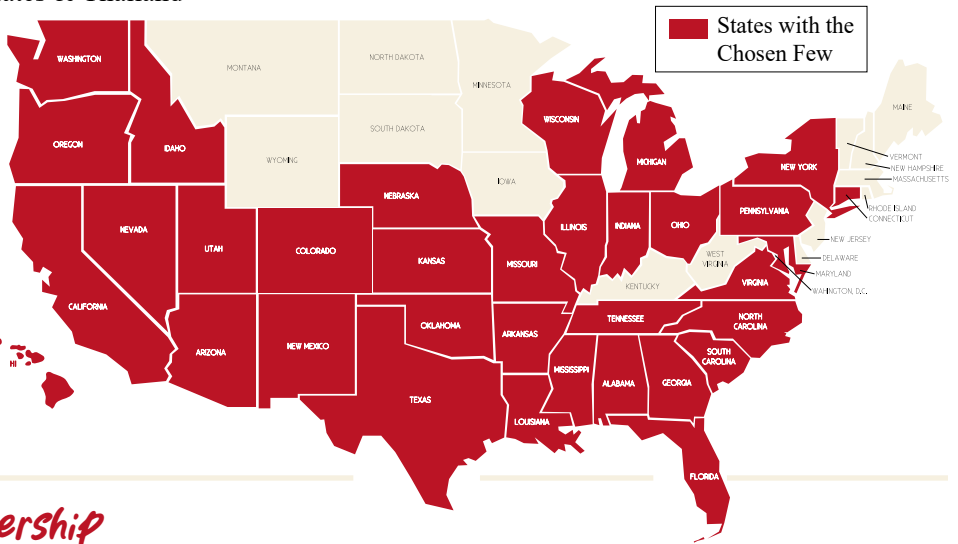


# Chosen Few Chapters

The Chosen Few have chapters in the United States & Thailand

As of March 2025, they claim to have chapters in the following states:

California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.



## Individual Chapter and Membership

**Individual Chapter** – A chapter is the basic unit the Chosen Few. It is semi-autonomous, will have its own bylaws and officers, but operates in accordance with the National bylaws and directions

**Chapter Officers** – Each charter has its own officers, including president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, road captain, business, and sergeant at arms. Officers wear position patches indicating rank on the front of their cuts.

**Members** – Members wear a full patch with the Chosen Few oval and state bottom rocker on the back. Members who have completed the prospect period are referred to as “red patch members.” Red patch members are not considered to be full members until they ear their Take None Give None diamonds. Members without an American made motorcycle are required to obtain one within one year. Each chapter is allowed to have up to two “truck and trailer” members who don’t ride motorcycles. New members are on probation for their first two years in the gang.

**Prospect** – Prospect period for the Chosen Few is a minimum of one year. Prospects wear a black leather vest with black oval and white bone cross on the back. The prospect period is minimum of six months. A majority vote (75%) of the chapter is required for a prospect to become a member. Prospects must participate in all Chosen Few functions and do anything a member in good standing directs them to do.

**Hangaround** – Prior to prospecting, a prospective member is required to be a hangaround for a minimum of 30 days. The hangaround phase is generally considered an opportunity for the gang to evaluate the man for potential membership. Hangarounds often wear plain vests or support clothing.



## Women and the Chosen Few

According to the Chosen Few constitution, a member involved in a relationship with a woman (wife or girlfriend) for at least six months may allow her to wear a property patch or medallion. This must be approved by a majority (75%) chapter vote. In the event of a breakup, the woman must return the patch or medallion to the member. The property patch bears the name of the member and the gang.



## Rivals

The chief rival of the Chosen Few is the Wheels of Soul, another predominantly African American but multi-racial national motorcycle gang. The Chosen Few may be engaged in regional conflicts with other motorcycle gangs, yet on good terms with those gangs in other parts of the United States.

## Support Clubs and Gangs

The Chosen Few OMG has a network of smaller OMGs and motorcycle clubs, often called “support clubs.” These gangs or clubs often indicate their affiliation by wearing patches, often with a red, white, and black color scheme, support clothing, or other symbols associated with the Chosen Few. The Chosen Few’s main support gang is currently the Street Wolves Motorcycle Club.

Ladies of the Cross (LOTG) is a national women’s social club formed with the permission and operating at the direction of the Chosen Few. The color scheme and symbols reflect their association.



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