

FEDERATION OF ROYAL OATHSWORN GUARDIANS

THE FEDERATION
OPERATIONS CODEX

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SOURCE AND CHANGE RULE

Inherited canon

comes from *FROGS.txt* (original ranks, Council seats, motto, mythology).

Version II doctrine

is a proposed expansion developed from the prior review: new E-6–E-8 and W-1–W-3 grades, separate nobility/appointments, corps, procedures, and ACL rules. The rank cogs are implementation evidence, not constitutional authority. All revisions marked *New* or *Refined* require adoption.

Who should use this

- Council officers and commanders
- Ship captains, department heads, and senior enlisted leaders
- Promotion boards and training instructors
- Corps directors, provosts, and personnel administrators
- Discord role-system maintainers

Reading order

- Use the quick rules and chain of command first
- Look up grade in the personnel registry
- Resolve branch-specific responsibility in the corps directory
- Follow the relevant SOP for action
- Record every appointment, promotion, and exception

Interpretation and precedence

MUST denotes a mandatory provision after ratification; **SHOULD** denotes an expected practice allowing documented exceptions; **MAY** denotes discretionary authority. Urgent safety decisions remain bounded by lawful delegation and require immediate later reporting.

NAVIGATION

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Reference key: **Original** preserved from source **Refined** reinterpretation **New** proposed addition.

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Doctrine at a glance

Six rules that prevent contradictory chains of command and make every personnel appointment auditable.

01 **Rank defines seniority**
A military grade sets relative military precedence and general leadership expectations; it is not an unrestricted administrative permission.

02 **Appointment defines command**
A signed billet or order specifies the personnel, asset, task, or region a commander controls and the duration of that authority.

03 **Corps defines competence**
A professional corps certifies fields of practice. Technical and medical safety decisions remain within approved specialist jurisdictions.

04 **Council offices define governance**
Eight O-9 domain rulers establish strategic rules; the single O-10 Grand Elder presides and promulgates supreme directives.

05 **Nobility and honors remain distinct**
Military titles containing “Baron” or “Duke” do not automatically transfer land, inheritance, civil government, or system privileges.

06 **Every decision leaves a record**
Promotion, appointment, disciplinary measures, emergency deviation, and permission change require a traceable record and reviewer.

At-a-glance authority model

DIMENSION	WHERE AUTHORITY COMES FROM	EXAMPLE
Military grade	Approved grade register	O-4 Toadmarshal
Position / billet	Written assignment order	Captain, F.R.S. Great Croaker
Technical duty	Validated corps qualification + delegation	W-3 propulsion certifying officer
Government office	Lawful Council appointment	The Silent Watcher
Noble dignity	Independent letters patent	Countess of the Marsh
Discord control	Explicit role / permission grant	Personnel registrar permission

FIELD TEST

When uncertain, ask:
Who appointed this person? What asset or personnel are in their jurisdiction? What action are they authorized to take? What record proves it?

If these cannot be answered, halt non-emergency action and escalate to a lawful appointing authority.

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Supreme governance

The Grand Elder, Council of Eight, constitutional responsibilities, and limits on cross-domain intervention.

Supreme offices

Grand Elder Croaker (O-10). Singular ruler and presiding officer. Responsible for constitutional continuity, state representation, final promulgation, extraordinary defense authority, and custodianship of the Sacred Croaker's Tongue. The sovereign MUST appoint a deputy for continuity, maintain a sealed succession instruction, and place exceptional acts before Council review. The office does not create a ninth Council seat.

Croaking Lords (O-9). Eight domain officeholders. Their authority is functional and institutional, not an unrestricted command over every uniformed person. Each office MUST publish policies within its charter, designate a principal deputy, and maintain a succession folder.

I Grand Lord Croaker of War

Defense, fleets, strategy

REPORTING & REACH

Reports directly to the Grand Elder on defense strategy; issues theater-level directives through O-8/O-7 naval commands.

ACCOUNTABLE OUTPUTS

War plans; readiness standards; fleet allocations; mobilization advice.

LIMIT

Cannot alone rewrite law, grant noble estates, or order internal provost sanctions.

II Elder Croaker of Law & Honor

Code, justice, procedural oversight

REPORTING & REACH

Directs the Provost and judicial administration, independent of tactical commanders for case adjudication.

ACCOUNTABLE OUTPUTS

Code interpretation; due process; investigations oversight; formal legal opinions.

LIMIT

Cannot directly seize tactical command except pursuant to lawful emergency or judicial order.

III Toadmistress of the Ether

Navigation, warp-lanes, Ether phenomena

REPORTING & REACH

Directs Ether navigation standards and authorized research; technical detachments remain operationally attached to fleet units.

ACCOUNTABLE OUTPUTS

Route safety standards; chart stewardship; hazardous phenomenon controls.

LIMIT

May suspend unsafe navigation certifications, not unilaterally redirect a campaign.

IV Lord of the Bog Guard

Marines and Toadguard

REPORTING & REACH
Exercises service command of Mireguard and Royal Toadguard; deployed formations are tactically assigned to the operational commander.

ACCOUNTABLE OUTPUTS
Ground doctrine; elite selection; deployment readiness; Toadguard custodianship.

LIMIT
Cannot supersede theater strategy without a specific superior order.

V High Chancellor of the Swamp

Diplomacy, commerce, noble liaison

REPORTING & REACH
Directs envoys, accredited missions and trade arrangements; coordinates support with Quartermasters.

ACCOUNTABLE OUTPUTS
Treaty recommendations; negotiation mandates; interstellar commerce and protocol.

LIMIT
Cannot cede military forces or constitutional assets without required ratification.

VI Master of the Deep Croak

Sacred traditions and religious institutions

REPORTING & REACH
Directs ceremonial custodians and approved mystic orders; retains special counsel status on rites.

ACCOUNTABLE OUTPUTS
Ritual calendars; relic custody; sacred oath standards; historical archives.

LIMIT
Cannot issue ordinary battlefield or civil judicial orders solely from spiritual office.

VII Overseer of the Tadpole Corps

Recruitment, training, personnel quality

REPORTING & REACH
Directs academy and qualification standards; coordinates with E-8 representatives and fleet personnel staffs.

ACCOUNTABLE OUTPUTS
Training doctrine; promotion standards; examinations; recruiting policy.

LIMIT
Cannot promote someone into a restricted grade without the required appointing authority.

VIII The Silent Watcher

Intelligence and counterintelligence

REPORTING & REACH
Directs the Silent Reed Directorate and information security, with legally bounded operational access.

ACCOUNTABLE OUTPUTS
Threat assessments; intelligence collection policy; security alerts.

LIMIT
Cannot bypass Provost due process or command ordinary formations by mere intelligence rank.

Proposed Council decision rules

DECISION TYPE	REQUIRED APPROVAL	DOCUMENTATION
Routine domain policy	Officeholder within charter	Policy memorandum + version record
Cross-domain strategy / budget	5 of 8 Council votes; Grand Elder notified	Council resolution

DECISION TYPE	REQUIRED APPROVAL	DOCUMENTATION
Constitutional amendment / restricted office change	6 of 8 Council votes + Grand Elder promulgation	Formal amendment and register update
New O-9 officeholder	6 of 8 sitting Council votes + Grand Elder commissioning	Seat warrant + oath record
O-10 succession	6 of 8 Council concurrence + traditional rite	Succession decree + witness record
Immediate danger / emergency order	Lawful commander provisionally; review within 48 hours	Emergency order, duration, retrospective review

VACANCY AND QUORUM

A vacant Council seat remains an office, not a ninth vote. For routine action, at least five seated Lords form a quorum; a six-vote measure cannot pass with fewer than six affirmative votes. During an O-10 vacancy the Council appoints an Acting Presider but does not grant that individual O-10 grade until succession is complete.

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Chain of command & reporting

Formal line reporting, functional reporting, delegated authority, escalation, command succession, and conflicts of jurisdiction.

Command spine



READ THIS CHART CORRECTLY

The diagram shows the **illustrative naval operational chain** through the War domain. It does not imply all Council offices control military fleets, or that every ship must report through every grade. Written operational assignments determine the actual chain.

Three distinct reporting channels

CHANNEL	REPORTS TO	WHAT IS REPORTED
Operational / line	Immediate appointed commander → higher command	Mission execution, tasking, incidents, resources, readiness
Technical / professional	Senior specialist → corps authority	Certification, standards, hazards, professional discipline
Administrative / personnel	Section/department → personnel registry	Training status, grade, leave, assignment, records

Standard reporting relationships

PERSONNEL / ROLE	PRIMARY REPORTS TO	SECONDARY OR PROFESSIONAL CHANNEL
E-1 to E-3 crew	Assigned E-4/E-5 team or section lead	Corps instructor / department senior enlisted
E-4/E-5 leader	Department head, usually through E-6	Corps training chain
E-6 Chief Croaker's Mate	Department head / ship executive officer	E-7 fleet senior enlisted channel
E-7 Fleet Chief Croaker	Fleet commander	E-8 / Overseer of Tadpole Corps
E-8 Master Croaker	Assigned senior fleet or personnel authority	Overseer of Tadpole Corps
W-1 to W-3 warrant	Appointed department / unit commander	Corps technical director for standards
O-1/O-2 junior officer	Executive officer / ship captain	Corps professional chain as applicable
O-3 to O-5 commander	Assigned task, fleet or sector superior	Corps director for qualifications
O-6 to O-8 commander	Superior operational admiral / War domain	Council as specifically delegated
O-9 Council Lord	Grand Elder on state responsibilities	Council peers for cross-domain coordination

Four mandatory escalation triggers

- **Safety:** immediate risk to life, ship integrity or critical equipment; stop affected work where empowered, protect personnel, notify commander and qualified specialist.
- **Jurisdiction:** two lawful authorities issue incompatible instructions; preserve the last safe lawful state and elevate to their common superior.
- **Ethics or discipline:** suspected abuse, retaliation, or conflict of interest; seek the Provost or Law & Honor chain outside the subject's reporting line.
- **Security:** suspected compromise or leak; protect records, restrict access on a need-to-know basis, notify the Silent Reed, and preserve evidence.

Succession and temporary command

Every ship, fleet, and critical facility MUST maintain a signed succession order: Commander → Executive Officer → designated operations officer → qualified department head. An acting appointment transfers only specified duties, ends at a stated time or revocation, and does not itself change rank. Temporary authority to protect life may be exercised without waiting for paperwork but MUST be recorded immediately afterward.

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Military grade registry

The complete twenty-one-grade reference, with reporting relationships, delegated duties, required records, and advancement evidence.

How to read: "Reports to" lists typical duty reporting, not an automatic permanent superior for every assignment. "Controls" describes expected supervision when appointed. Every member remains subject to their written billet and the lawful command chain. Original names are marked Original; reinterpretations Refined; additions New.



E-1 / ENLISTED Original

Tadpole Initiate

Completes induction; no independent command.

REPORTS TO
E-4 team lead through assigned instructor

LEADS / CONTROLS
No direct reports

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Follow lawful orders; complete zero-G, amphibious survival, naval customs and basic safety training.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Keep training log; report hazards promptly.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Validated induction and safe basic performance.



E-2 / ENLISTED Original

Swamplancer

Trained shipboard and surface crew.

REPORTS TO
E-4 / E-5 section lead

LEADS / CONTROLS
May mentor new initiates informally

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Execute routine watch, shipboard support, maintenance and surface duties within sign-off.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Log completed tasks and equipment deficiencies.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Basic service competency and reliability.



E-3 / ENLISTED Original

Hopling Specialist

Qualified occupational specialist.

REPORTS TO
E-5 section lead / department head

LEADS / CONTROLS
Assist trainees in qualified task

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Perform a defined occupational duty as pilot, gunner, medic or technician only when certified.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Maintain current qualification record; train replacements.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Specialty evaluation and emerging leadership.



E-4 / ENLISTED Original

Croaker's Mate

First small-team leader.

REPORTS TO
E-5 / E-6 and commissioned section officer

LEADS / CONTROLS
Small team or watch

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Assign routine tasks, supervise safe execution, correct minor deficiencies and escalate incidents.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Daily muster and team readiness report.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Great Leap eligibility; demonstrable leadership.



E-5 / ENLISTED Original

Senior Croaker's Mate

Section leader and instructor.

REPORTS TO
E-6 / department head

LEADS / CONTROLS
Multiple teams or a section

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Manage watches, coaching, maintenance schedules and section discipline.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Section report, training ledger and performance notes.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Senior NCO review and department endorsement.



E-6 / ENLISTED New

Chief Croaker's Mate

Department senior enlisted leader.

REPORTS TO
Department head and ship executive officer

LEADS / CONTROLS
Department enlisted sections

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Own department-wide enlisted readiness, certifications, rotations and practical training.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Weekly readiness report and qualification gaps.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Fleet senior enlisted board.



E-7 / ENLISTED New

Fleet Chief Croaker

Fleet enlisted adviser.

REPORTS TO
Fleet commander

LEADS / CONTROLS
Department chiefs by advisory channel

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Coordinate fleet enlisted readiness, inspections, standards and welfare advice.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Fleet enlisted assessment and corrective plans.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Strategic NCO board and service distinction.



E-8 / ENLISTED New

Master Croaker of the Fleet

Highest enlisted leadership grade.

REPORTS TO
Senior fleet command / Overseer of Tadpole Corps

LEADS / CONTROLS
E-7 advisory network

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Set enlisted professional standards and represent noncommissioned interests at high command.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Federation enlisted readiness and training recommendations.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Exceptional selection to limited billets.



W-1 / WARRANT New

Warrant Croaker

Certified technical authority.

REPORTS TO
Appointed department officer; Corps technical authority for standards

LEADS / CONTROLS
Qualified specialist technicians

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Certify assigned systems within qualification; advise command and stop unsafe technical action within delegation.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Certification notes, test results, fault logs.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Expert examination and appointment warrant.



W-2 / WARRANT New

Senior Warrant Croaker

Senior technical standards authority.

REPORTS TO
Commander of technical unit; Corps director for standards

LEADS / CONTROLS
W-1 and multi-team experts

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Review complex technical assessments and coordinate inter-unit specialist practice.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Technical standards updates and inspection findings.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Advanced mastery and peer board.



W-3 / WARRANT New

Master Warrant Croaker

Federation-level technical mastery.

REPORTS TO
Appointing flag officer / Corps director

LEADS / CONTROLS
Federation technical network

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Establish highest specialist guidance and adjudicate inter-service technical standards conflicts.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Federation certification register and expert advisories.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Exceptional technical board and command concurrence.



O-1 / OFFICER Refined

Ensign-Tadpole

First commissioned grade.

REPORTS TO
Executive officer / ship captain

LEADS / CONTROLS
Assigned watch or small detail

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Run supervised watches, write orders in delegated scope, and learn ethical command practice.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Watch log, action items, training evaluations.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Commissioning complete; junior officer qualification.



O-2 / OFFICER Original

Croaker-Lieutenant

Junior independent command.

REPORTS TO
Captain / unit commander

LEADS / CONTROLS
Patrol craft, flight squadron or department

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Direct limited independent missions, oversee safety, logistics and tactical coordination.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Mission briefs, risk plans, after-action reports.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Successful junior command and qualification board.



O-3 / OFFICER Original

Warden of the Bog

Corvette or detachment commander.

REPORTS TO
Task group leader / higher ship commander

LEADS / CONTROLS
Corvette or marine detachment

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Exercise ship or detachment command, coordinate noble liaison and task-level operational decisions.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Readiness posture, navigation approval and after-action report.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Proven unit command; multi-domain evaluation.



O-4 / OFFICER Original

Toadmarshal

Destroyer captain or task group lead.

REPORTS TO
Fleet/group commander

LEADS / CONTROLS
Destroyer or compact task group

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Conduct major ship operations, enforce fleet tactics, delegate departments and protect crew readiness.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Ship readiness and tactical assessments.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Command track record and senior board.



O-5 / OFFICER Original

High Warden of the Bog

Senior formation or major ship command.

REPORTS TO
Battle group / regional commander

LEADS / CONTROLS
Major vessel or regional formation

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Integrate ships, logistics, diplomatic liaison and high-risk boarding support.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Multi-unit operational plan and readiness audit.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Major command performance and staff review.



O-6 / OFFICER Original

Bogmaster

Battle group and system defence.

REPORTS TO
Expeditionary / sector commander

LEADS / CONTROLS
Battle groups and system defense

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Allocate forces, authorize operational plans within theater orders and oversee subordinate admirals/captains.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Battle group readiness and campaign reports.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Admiralty review and strategic competence.



O-7 / OFFICER Refined

Baron of the Bog

Expeditionary fleet command; no automatic land grant.

REPORTS TO
Sector commander / Grand Lord Croaker of War

LEADS / CONTROLS
Expeditionary fleets / warfront staffs

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Direct theater components and expeditionary force priorities within assigned campaign mandate.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Campaign risks, fleet allocations and lessons learned.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
High-command selection; no automatic territorial grant.



O-8 / OFFICER Refined

Duke of the Lilypad

Naval sector high command.

REPORTS TO
Grand Lord Croaker of War / Grand Elder as delegated

LEADS / CONTROLS
Sector fleets and commands

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Set sector-wide objectives, coordinate fleet posture and provide Council strategic advice.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Sector strategic review and doctrine recommendations.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Council-approved admiralty appointment.



O-9 / COUNCIL Refined

Croaking Lord of the Federation

Council seat; one of eight domain rulers.

REPORTS TO
Grand Elder Croaker

LEADS / CONTROLS
Council domain personnel and institutions

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Govern one enumerated domain; issue policy; coordinate lawful inter-domain action.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Domain policy register, Council minutes, annual strategic report.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Appointment to one of eight seats.



O-10 / SUPREME Refined

Grand Elder Croaker

Singular supreme ruler and Council presider.

REPORTS TO
Constitutional / Council oversight, not ordinary line superior

LEADS / CONTROLS
Council collectively and supreme staff

CORE DUTIES & LIMITS
Preside over Council, promulgate supreme directives, maintain constitutional continuity and sovereignty.

REQUIRED REPORTING
Promulgations, emergency review and succession archive.

ADVANCEMENT / SELECTION EVIDENCE
Ancient rite and six-Council concurrence as proposed.

Restricted grades — mandatory constitutional checks

GATE	O-9 COUNCIL LORD	O-10 GRAND ELDER
Office status	One of eight Council seats becomes vacant	Supreme office becomes vacant
Selection authority	Council supermajority + sovereign commission	Council concurrence + traditional rite
Recorded artifacts	Seat warrant, oath, office portfolio, access register	Succession decree, witnesses, seals, promulgation
Appointment effects	Domain governance; not an unrestricted fleet command	Supreme constitutional powers; Council oversight
Technical safeguard	Dual authorization before registry change	Dual authorization + irreversible audit entry

COMPULSORY REGISTER CHECK

The personnel registrar MUST verify the Council seat register, protected-grade approval, and current holder uniqueness before issuing O-9 or O-10. A display badge or bot command is not evidence of constitutional authority.

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Service corps & professional duties

Ten institutional branches; each carries its own training standards, appointment hierarchy, decision rights, interfaces and readiness reporting.

PROFESSIONAL VS. OPERATIONAL COMMAND

A corps director sets technical doctrine and qualifications. The deployed unit commander directs missions. A professional stop-work or medical restriction is effective only within the precise safety authority established by charter or delegation; disputes escalate immediately.

01 Voidfleet Line

Fleet command, weapons and warship operations

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

War domain / appointed sector or fleet commander

SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS

Watchkeeper; Tactical Helmsman; Voidgunner; Battle Coordinator; Fleet Tactician

RESPONSIBLE FOR

Execute ship and fleet operations; maintain navigation and weapons standards; operate watches; coordinate damage control.

TYPICAL SENIOR APPOINTMENT

Ship Captain / Tactical Commander

READINESS EVIDENCE

Ship readiness, watch errors, weapon proficiency, after-action completeness

KEY HANDOFFS

Ether Corps for routing; Shipwrights for systems; Mireguard for boarding.

02 Voidflight Corps

Carrier aviation, fighters, reconnaissance

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

War domain / carrier or wing commander

SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS

Voidpilot; Interceptor Pilot; Recon Pilot; Flight Instructor; Strike Leader

RESPONSIBLE FOR

Train flight crews, manage sorties and flight safety, conduct fleet screens and reconnaissance, maintain qualifications.

TYPICAL SENIOR APPOINTMENT

Squadron Leader / Wing Commander

READINESS EVIDENCE

Flight safety, sortie readiness, mission success, incident review

KEY HANDOFFS

Voidfleet flight decks; Ether navigation; Shipwright maintenance.

03 Royal Shipwright Corps

Starship engineering and repair

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

Ship commander operationally / Shipwright director professionally

SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS

Hullwright; Reactor Artificer; Systems Engineer; Master Shipwright; Propulsion Architect

RESPONSIBLE FOR

Maintain power, hull, propulsion, defenses and technical certification; issue stop-work notices for proven hazards.

TYPICAL SENIOR APPOINTMENT

Chief Engineer / Shipyard Superintendent

READINESS EVIDENCE

Defect backlog, uptime, inspection compliance, certification currency

KEY HANDOFFS

Voidfleet command; Quartermasters supply; Ether systems.

04 Mireguard Marine Corps

Amphibious assault and security

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

Lord of the Bog Guard / attached task commander

SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS

Mireguard Trooper; Boarding Lancer; Breacher; Siege Specialist; Amphibious Scout

RESPONSIBLE FOR

Plan and execute landings, boarding, perimeter security, rescue and expeditionary ground operations.

TYPICAL SENIOR APPOINTMENT

Marine Detachment Commander

READINESS EVIDENCE

Training completion, unit readiness, safe boarding assessments

KEY HANDOFFS

Voidfleet for transport and rules of engagement; Medical support.

05 Ether Navigation Corps

Warp-lane charts and anomaly handling

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

Toadmistress of the Ether / unit commander

SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS

Star Cartographer; Ether Navigator; Warp-Lane Keeper; Astral Surveyor; Ether Savant

RESPONSIBLE FOR

Certify navigational calculations, maintain charts, survey anomalies, advise on warp hazards.

TYPICAL SENIOR APPOINTMENT

Chief Navigator / Fleet Pathfinder

READINESS EVIDENCE

Route quality, chart currency, anomalies and near-miss trend

KEY HANDOFFS

Voidfleet bridge; Silent Reed threat data; Deep Croak for ritual issues.

06 Silent Reed Directorate

Intelligence, signals and counterintelligence

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

Silent Watcher / assigned mission supervisor

SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS

Reedwatcher; Cipherkeeper; Signal Ghost; Shadowcroaker; Intelligence Analyst

RESPONSIBLE FOR

Assess threats, protect classified holdings, perform authorized collection, brief command with source confidence.

TYPICAL SENIOR APPOINTMENT

Intelligence Officer / Sector Intel Director

READINESS EVIDENCE

Threat reports, access reviews, source reliability, case closure

KEY HANDOFFS

Provost for lawful investigation; operations for mission requirements.

07 Croaker Medical Corps

Shipboard care and medical readiness

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

Ship captain administrative / medical director professional

SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS

Bogmender; Combat Medic; Void Chirurgeon; Lifekeeper; Xenobiologist

RESPONSIBLE FOR

Provide qualified care, oversee medical readiness, isolation protocols and medical supply safety.

TYPICAL SENIOR APPOINTMENT

Chief Medical Officer / Fleet Surgeon

READINESS EVIDENCE

Medical readiness, response times, incident patterns, safe care records

KEY HANDOFFS

Mireguard, Shipwright environment controls, Quartermaster supplies.

08 Royal Quartermaster Corps

Supply, cargo and strategic mobility

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

High Chancellor policy / fleet logistics command operationally

SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS

Supply Keeper; Fleet Purser; Cargo Master; Quartermaster; Logistics Architect

RESPONSIBLE FOR

Maintain inventories, shipping, procurement controls, material accountability and resupply plans.

TYPICAL SENIOR APPOINTMENT

Chief Quartermaster / Sector Logistics Director

READINESS EVIDENCE

Inventory variance, delivery reliability, stockout risk, asset audit

KEY HANDOFFS

All corps, especially Shipwright and Medical.

09 Royal Provost Corps

Military law, investigations and discipline

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP
Elder Croaker of Law & Honor / appointed Provost chain

SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS
Oathwarden; Provost Investigator; Codekeeper; Judicial Examiner

RESPONSIBLE FOR
Receive complaints, preserve evidence, conduct authorized investigations and oversee fair process.

TYPICAL SENIOR APPOINTMENT
Ship Provost / High Provost

READINESS EVIDENCE
Case backlog, procedural compliance, appeal dispositions

KEY HANDOFFS
Silent Reed for cyber evidence; commanders for duty restrictions.

10 Federation Envoy Corps

Diplomacy and interstellar protocol

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP
High Chancellor / accredited mission head

SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS
Federation Emissary; Treaty Warden; Diplomatic Attaché; First Envoy

RESPONSIBLE FOR
Conduct permitted negotiations, represent official positions, maintain treaty records and liaison channels.

TYPICAL SENIOR APPOINTMENT
Ambassador / High Envoy

READINESS EVIDENCE
Negotiation objectives, treaty obligations, communications accuracy

KEY HANDOFFS
Law & Honor, Quartermasters, sector command.

Corps appointment and certification control

Each corps MUST maintain (1) a training syllabus; (2) a qualification register; (3) an appointing-authority list; (4) a safety/quality review procedure; (5) an operational interface map; and (6) an annual standards review. A corps insignia may only be worn by active or honorably retired qualified members as determined by the Corps Director.

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Appointments & position reporting

Billets, command limits, cross-branch authority, deputies, and staff offices that make the hierarchy operational.

A billet is a time-bound or continuing assignment, not a grade. Authority begins when an authorized office signs the appointment order, and ends on revocation, transfer, expiry, loss of required qualifications, or superior legal action. The same person may hold a grade, corps qualification, and appointment at once.

APPOINTMENT	USUAL HOLDER	REPORTS TO	PRIMARY ACCOUNTABILITY
Ship Captain	O-3 to O-5	Assigned task / fleet commander	Ship safety, crew, mission and readiness
Executive Officer	O-2 to O-4	Ship Captain	Internal execution, watches, succession
Department Head	O-1 to O-4 / qualified W	Executive Officer / Captain	Department outputs and controls
Chief Engineer	Qualified O / W	Ship Captain via Executive Officer	Technical systems and maintenance
Chief Medical Officer	Qualified medical O / W	Ship Captain operational; Medical Director professional	Treatment governance and medical readiness
Senior Enlisted Adviser	E-6 to E-8	Appointing commander	Training, welfare, standards, enlisted concerns
Squadron Leader	O-2 to O-4	Carrier/wing commander	Flight operations and sortie planning
Task Group Commander	O-4 to O-6	Assigned fleet or battle group commander	Multi-ship mission integration
Battle Group Commander	O-6	Expeditionary Fleet Commander	Battle group tactics and allocation
Expeditionary Fleet Commander	O-7	Sector Naval Commander	Theater operational priorities
Sector Naval Commander	O-8	War domain / Grand Elder delegation	Naval sector strategy and reporting
Corps Director	Senior subject-qualified officer/ warrant	Relevant Council office	Professional standards and eligibility
High Provost	Lawful legal appointee	Elder Croaker of Law & Honor	Due process and investigations
Ambassador	Accredited civilian or officer	High Chancellor	Diplomatic mission and treaties

Required contents of an appointment order

- Named individual and unique personnel ID; current grade and qualification.
- Exact billet title, unit, jurisdiction, assets, delegated powers and prohibited actions.
- Direct reporting superior, deputy, professional reporting counterpart (if any).
- Start date, end/renewal condition, succession order, review cadence.
- Appointing signature, accepting acknowledgment, registry reference and access-change ticket.

Position overlap: how to resolve it

SCENARIO	RULE
O-5 passenger aboard an O-4 captain's ship	The ship captain retains vessel command unless a lawful superior changes the appointment.
W-3 engineer disagrees with O-6 about propulsion safety	W-3 may exercise documented technical restriction; commander pauses unsafe action and escalates to professional authority.
Council member requests classified casework	Access depends on lawful need-to-know and relevant domain, not office prestige alone.
Noble Duke visits a naval base	Noble dignity grants protocol, not military orders unless separately appointed.
Commander becomes unavailable	Published succession order activates; acting authority and duration are logged.

Order of precedence when instructions conflict

Priority: (1) constitutional and Council enactments; (2) lawful Grand Elder orders; (3) approved operational directives; (4) signed appointments and delegations; (5) standing procedures; (6) custom and ceremony. Actual Discord platform permissions and server ownership remain separate technical controls that this manual does not override.

Minimum command-handover packet

REQUIRED ITEM	HANDOVER STANDARD
Personnel and assets	Current crew, detachments, watch officers, equipment custodians
Outstanding orders	Active mission directives, restrictions, expiry dates, delegated approvals
Risk register	Safety defects, unresolved incidents, intelligence warnings, legal holds
Qualifications	Technical signatories, medical readiness limitations, certifying officers
Systems and access	Keys, accounts, channel access, service logins and revocation tickets
Acceptance	Incoming/outgoing signatures, effective time, independent witness

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Promotion, commissioning & advancement

Standards, eligibility, board composition, examinations, promotion evidence, adverse findings, and service transitions.

Three independent advancement tracks

ENLISTED
E-1 → E-8
Skill, leadership, fleet readiness and senior enlisted stewardship.

WARRANT
W-1 → W-3
Technical competence, certification authority and mastery examinations.

COMMISSIONED
O-1 → O-10
Officer commissioning, command fitness, admiralty selection and constitutional office.

Critical distinction: Moving from E to W or E/W to O is *selection into a different service track*, not automatic next-grade promotion. O-9 is attained by appointment to a Council seat; O-10 by succession, not ordinary merit scoring.

Promotion gates and approving authorities

FROM → TO	REQUIRED RECORD	RECOMMENDER	APPROVAL
E-1 → E-3	Training log, specialty and conduct check	E-4 / section chief	Department Head
E-4 → E-5	Leadership examples, watch results, mentor review	E-6	Ship Executive Officer / Captain
E-6 → E-8	Readiness outcomes, senior board, 360 feedback	Fleet senior enlisted adviser	Fleet command + Tadpole Corps office
Enlisted → W-1	Expert portfolio, mastery exam, warranty of fitness	Corps Director / Chief	Technical board + authorized flag officer
W-1 → W-3	Certification, system results, peer review	Corps professional chain	Technical board + appointing flag officer
E-4+ / W → O-1	Great Leap Trials, academy completion, fitness	Commander / Academy	Officer Commissioning Board
O-1 → O-3	Junior command performance, professional conduct	Captain / sector staff	Operational promotion board
O-4 → O-6	Major command record, strategic assessment	Flag superior	Admiralty selection board
O-7 → O-8	Campaign command and Federation strategy	War domain	Council high-command selection
Any eligible → O-9	Vacant seat, domain fitness, oath	Relevant Council nomination	6 of 8 + Grand Elder commission
O-9 → O-10	Succession rite and constitutional concurrence	Council	6 of 8 concurrence + ancient rite

Promotion eligibility criteria

- **Readiness:** candidate has completed all required training and holds current qualifications.
- **Performance:** documented achievements tied to responsibilities of the next grade.
- **Conduct:** no unresolved disqualifying action; ongoing allegations receive fair review and are not treated as proven.
- **Vacancy / capacity:** restricted senior grades require an approved vacancy or establishment authorization.
- **Fairness:** named criteria published before board convenes; conflicts of interest disclosed; decision recorded.
- **Transition:** personnel receives updated orders, badge and access entitlements only after official entry.

The Great Leap Trials — commissioning protocol

1. **Application**
   E-4+ or qualified warrant applicant submits eligibility and sponsor.
2. **Knowledge**
   Croaker's Code, naval doctrine, safety, ethics, and leadership examination.
3. **Practical trial**
   Scenario command under stress; coordination, sound judgment and communication.
4. **Honor board**
   Review of service, conduct, recommendations and readiness.
5. **Commissioning**
   Academy completion, officer oath, O-1 commission and first appointment.

Appeals, setbacks, removals

A declined promotion MUST provide a written reason and measurable improvement path. An appeal is lodged within 14 days and reviewed by an officer not involved in the initial decision. Administrative correction, temporary suspension, demotion, and expulsion are distinct actions; they require separate legal bases, evidence, notice, opportunity to respond, impartial decision, and recorded appeal pathway. No status change should be used as retaliation for protected reporting.

> **NO AUTOMATIC UPWARD GRANT**
> No rank-management command, promotion board, commander or acting officer may unilaterally create an O-9/O-10 officeholder. Those grades are restricted constitutional designations.

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Orders, nobility & honors

Separate the Federation's ceremonial architecture from military command while keeping prestige, rites, and heraldry.

ORDER	STATUS	ADMISSION / GUARDRAIL
Royal Toadguard	Elite active-duty combat formation	Combat qualification and selection; serves under Bog Guard operational command.
Order of the First Leap	Merit decoration	Courage / extraordinary service; may not issue orders by virtue of award.
Order of the Deep Croak	Sacred teaching / ritual institution	Approved mystical initiation; ceremonial scope, not arbitrary fleet command.
Order of the Sacred Tongue	Highest ceremonial trust	Grand Elder selection and Council record; relic custody requires separate warrant.

Proposed civil nobility register

DIGNITY	TYPICAL BASIS	MILITARY EFFECT
Knight of the Lily	Individual distinguished service	None unless independently commissioned
Lord/Lady of the Reed	Chartered household status	None
Baron/Baroness of the Bog	Minor territorial letters patent	None
Count/Countess of the Marsh	Regional noble charter	None
Duke/Duchess of the Lilypad	Major noble estate or charter	None
High Prince/Princess of the Federation	Extraordinary dynastic dignity	None

Heraldic conflict rule: "Baron of the Bog" and "Duke of the Lilypad" are preserved as military grade names at O-7/O-8. The same strings can refer to separate hereditary or granted noble dignity only when explicitly designated as *noble estate*. An O-7 does not automatically receive a barony; a civilian Duchess cannot command ships. The older source treated O-7 noble status as intrinsic—this manual intentionally refines that rule for operational clarity.

Award and order administration

- Nomination identifies an act, unit/date, witnesses, and qualification against published criteria.
- Provost performs conflict-of-interest and integrity checks; sensitive intelligence is separated from public citation.
- Honors board recommends; Council office or Grand Elder approves according to award charter.
- Registry enters award, citation and wear authorization; revoked awards require formal review and opportunity to respond.

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Insignia & heraldic standards

Original rank symbols preserved where specified; unified vector presentation, wear rules, and new insignia proposals.

The following vector badges are original concept renderings designed specifically for this manual. **Symbolic cores** for the fifteen inherited grades come from the original F.R.O.G. register; shape, shield, border, ornamentation and color treatment have been standardized for readability. Newly created grades and the O-9/O-10 separation have new proposed symbols.

Plate I — Enlisted and Warrant grades



E-1 Tadpole Initiate
Bronze tadpole on dark field



E-2 Swamplancer
Silver frog-foot



E-3 Hopling Specialist
Jade lily pad



E-4 Croaker's Mate
Silver croaking toad



E-5 Senior Croaker's Mate
Gold-bordered frog



E-6 Chief Croaker's Mate
Gold toad flanked by two reeds



E-7 Fleet Chief Croaker
Gold toad enclosed in fleet laurels



E-8 Master Croaker of the Fleet
Gold toad beneath an eight-ray star



W-1 Warrant Croaker
Jade lily within silver mechanics ring



W-2 Senior Warrant Croaker
Silver navigation ring enclosing a lily



W-3 Master Warrant Croaker
Platinum gear, jade lily and master star

Plate II — Commissioned officers and Council



O-1 Ensign-Tadpole
Bronze frog-foot on navy shield



O-2 Croaker-Lieutenant
Silver lily pad on navy shield



O-3 Warden of the Bog
Gold frog over crossed energy spears



O-4 Toadmarshal
Gold toad with twin laurel branches



O-5 High Warden of the Bog
Silver lily pad encircled by flame



O-6 Bogmaster
Golden toad with ceremonial crown



O-7 Baron of the Bog
Gold-edged toad on ceremonial war drum



O-8 Duke of the Lilypad
Golden frog over Federation compass seal



O-9 Croaking Lord of the Federation
Eight-point Council compass with central toad



O-10 Grand Elder Croaker
Sacred Tongue and sovereign crown

Color and material system

Void Navy	Federation Jade	Royal Gold	Fleet Silver	Cadet Bronze	Parchment
#0B1C29	#80CEAC	#CFAE69	#C7D6DC	#AF8254	#F6F1E6

ELEMENT	MANDATORY STANDARD
Grade badge	One visible badge from current official military grade; never combine two active grades.
Corps mark	Smaller secondary mark identifying certified service branch.

ELEMENT	MANDATORY STANDARD
Appointment device	Optional pin/pennant for current billet; removed on relinquishment.
Noble crest	Separate ceremonial device, worn under charter and without disguising rank.
Order ribbon	Displayed below military grade according to approved order of precedence.
Digital icon	Minimum 128×128 source; verify legibility at 32×32; no decorative UI role should grant permission.

Distinct branch symbolism

01 **Voidfleet**	Shield / naval star	02 **Voidflight**	Wing / orbit
03 **Shipwright**	Gear / keel	04 **Mireguard**	Crossed spears
05 **Ether Navigation**	Compass / lily	06 **Silent Reed**	Three reeds / eye
07 **Medical**	Lily / pulse	08 **Quartermaster**	Cargo knot / crate
09 **Provost**	Scales / oath	10 **Envoy**	Open ring / treaty

PRODUCTION SPECIFICATION

Canonical master art should be archived as vector SVG or PDF, with light/dark variants, one-color fallback, defined stroke widths and a strict legend for every code. The illustrated plates are **Version II provisional insignia designs**, not previously approved historical art.

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Operational standing procedures

Uniform instructions for orders, reports, incidents, inspections, safety, discipline, access control, and command transitions.

SOP 01 Daily muster and readiness

Trigger: At the beginning of each duty cycle.
Owner: Team lead E-4/E-5; department chief consolidates.
Procedure: Confirm roster, present/absent, qualifications, equipment, hazards, pending orders; send section status through the line chain.
Required output: Muster record and exception register.

SOP 02 Mission tasking and acknowledgment

Trigger: Before any assigned operation.
Owner: Appointed commander / executive officer.
Procedure: Publish intent, scope, authority, risk controls, assigned leads, communications and reporting times. Require acknowledgments; record deviations.
Required output: Mission order and acknowledgment log.

SOP 03 Critical incident and safety stop

Trigger: Immediately upon life/ship-threatening risk.
Owner: Closest lawful commander; qualified specialists advise.
Procedure: Protect life; isolate unsafe system; call emergency services if relevant; notify command and specialist; preserve evidence; resume only on recorded clearance.
Required output: Critical incident report; restart authorization.

SOP 04 Technical defect and maintenance

Trigger: On discovery of material defect.
Owner: Chief Engineer / qualified warrant; Captain informed.
Procedure: Log symptom; assess severity; determine safe restrictions; obtain approval for repair; certify test result and return to service.
Required output: Defect ticket, sign-off and closure.

SOP 05 Security and intelligence exposure

Trigger: On suspected compromise or unauthorized disclosure.
Owner: Silent Reed duty officer / commander.
Procedure: Stop further exposure; preserve event metadata; restrict access proportionately; notify Provost if disciplinary inquiry; brief only need-to-know persons.
Required output: Security case log with access trail.

SOP 06 Medical emergency or unfitness

Trigger: When care or readiness is compromised.
Owner: Qualified medical officer; unit commander notified without unnecessary personal detail.
Procedure: Give immediate aid within training; seek qualified care; document readiness limits; protect private medical details; authorize return to duty professionally.
Required output: Medical readiness status and restricted care record.

SOP 07 Promotion and commissioning

Trigger: On a vacancy and validated board eligibility.
Owner: Personnel registrar + responsible board.
Procedure: Open candidate file; check qualifications; secure endorsements; convene board; issue result and appeal path; update grade and access only after approval.
Required output: Promotion warrant and audit trail.

SOP 08 Command appointment or transfer

Trigger: Before change of billet / officer in charge.
Owner: Appointing authority + outgoing/incoming officers.
Procedure: Verify authority, date, resources, deputies, open risks and credentials; sign handover; revoke prior access; issue current standing orders.
Required output: Appointment decree, transfer checklist.

SOP 09 Complaint and discipline

Trigger: On alleged Code or conduct violation.
Owner: Royal Provost / Law & Honor chain.
Procedure: Receive allegation; protect complainant; check conflicts; gather evidence; provide notice/opportunity to respond; issue reasoned decision and appeal.
Required output: Case record and disposition.

SOP 10 Cross-domain policy conflict

Trigger: When lawful Council domains disagree.
Owner: Relevant officeholders; Council registrar.
Procedure: Document conflict, preserve safe prior order, convene domain leads, elevate unresolved issue to Council vote; publish temporary clarification.
Required output: Conflict ruling and policy version.

SOP 11 Decoration, order or noble grant

Trigger: After qualified nomination / charter approval.
Owner: Honors registrar or High Chancellery.
Procedure: Verify eligibility; confirm independent military/civil effects; record approvals and ceremonies; issue appropriate insignia only after entry.
Required output: Honor citation or letters patent.

SOP 12 After-action review and lessons

Trigger: After significant exercise, campaign or adverse event.
Owner: Mission commander; independent reviewer if needed.
Procedure: Capture objective, result, timeline, decision factors, risk, corrective actions, owners and due dates; feed lessons into training policy.
Required output: AAR and action tracker.

Reporting cadence and service-level expectations

REPORT	OWNER	WHEN	TO WHOM
Daily muster / readiness	E-4/E-5, consolidated by E-6	Every active duty cycle	Department Head / Executive Officer

REPORT	OWNER	WHEN	TO WHOM
Mission progress / exception	Appointed task leader	Per mission order; immediately on critical deviation	Operational commander
Technical safety notice	Qualified warrant or chief	Immediately when risk detected	Unit commander + Corps Director
Weekly ship readiness	Ship Captain / XO	Once per operational week	Task Group / Fleet Commander
Monthly fleet readiness	O-6/O-7 staff	Monthly or campaign-defined	Sector Command / War office
Promotion / personnel changes	Personnel Registrar	At authorized action; reviewed monthly	Appointing authority / Tadpole office
Quarterly domain scorecard	Council office chief of staff	Quarterly	Grand Elder / Council registrar
Annual doctrine review	Council registrar + corps chiefs	Annually	Council of Eight

Incident severity and notification standard

LEVEL	EXAMPLE CONDITION	IMMEDIATE ACTION	REVIEW
CRITICAL / RED	Serious danger to life, vessel, legal integrity, or active security breach	Protect people, alert command and competent specialist immediately	Incident review within 48 hours
HIGH / AMBER	Major equipment outage, substantial readiness failure, credible misconduct allegation	Notify appointed superior promptly; apply appropriate containment	Commander / Provost review next duty cycle
NORMAL / BLUE	Routine training gap, minor equipment defect, administrative inconsistency	Log and queue to accountable owner	Review through normal reporting cadence

Exception reporting: All reports state event ID, unit, owner, observed facts, severity, action taken, unresolved risk, and next review time. Do not combine restricted medical information or covert source identity into open fleet reports.

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Decision rights & control matrix

A practical separation of who recommends, approves, executes, audits, and escalates important actions.

Codes: **A** accountable approval owner; **R** responsible executor; **C** consulted adviser; **I** informed stakeholder; **—** no standing authority. Only one A per action is the design target; Council-voted decisions are collective exceptions.

DECISION	UNIT CMD	CORPS DIR	PROVOST	REGISTRAR	COUNCIL / GE
Routine team assignment	A/R	C	—	I	—
Technical qualification issue	C	A/R	—	I	—
Ship safety stop and restart	A/R	C	I	I	—
E-1–E-5 promotion	A	C	C	R	I
Warrant appointment	C	R	C	R	A*
O-7/O-8 appointment	C	C	C	R	A
O-9/O-10 succession	—	—	C	R	A
Military misconduct adjudication	C	—	A/R	I	I
Noble grant / charter	—	C	C	R	A
Discord role / permission application	C	C	C	R	A*

* Warrant appointments are approved by the defined technical selection/flag authority; the Council column represents exceptional appointing authority, not routine Council voting. Discord permission changes require the designated platform authority, which may be a separate human system administrator.

Emergency decision procedure

IDENTIFY	STABILIZE	NOTIFY	DECIDE	RECORD
Threat / conflict	Protect people and systems	Commander + expert	Lawful delegated authority	Decision and review

COMMANDER'S INTENT VS. CERTIFIED SAFETY

A tactical commander may choose mission risk inside their lawful remit. A specialist may impose a narrowly delegated safety restriction. Neither party may invent unlimited authority; unresolved conflicts go to the common superior and relevant professional Council domain.

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Personnel registry & Discord administration

Authoritative records, permission separation, safe enforcement, versioned data migrations, and implementation checks.

Authoritative record schema

```
{
  "guild_id": "server-scope",
  "member_id": "platform-identity",
  "grade": "O-4",
  "corps": "VOIDFLEET",
  "qualifications": ["TACTICAL_COMMAND"],
  "appointment": {"code":"SHIP_CAPTAIN", "order":"ORD-2026-004"},
  "nobility": [],
  "honors": ["FIRST_LEAP"],
  "status": "ACTIVE",
  "permissions": ["report_read", "task_assign"],
  "effective_at": "ISO-8601 timestamp",
  "approved_by": "authority-reference",
  "audit_id": "immutable-change-id"
}
```

Role classes and separation

ROLE CATEGORY	EXAMPLE	PERMISSION RULE
Grade	O-6 Bogmaster	Display and precedence only by default
Corps	Royal Shipwright	Professional workspace and qualification access
Appointment	Ship Captain	Task/channel access specific to assigned unit
Council domain	The Silent Watcher	Restricted authority for lawful domain and cases
Honor / nobility	Order of the First Leap	Decorative unless explicitly delegated
Bot operator	Personnel Registrar	Technical commands granted by named permission
Server administrator	Platform staff	Technical power independent of fictional rank

Recommended permission scopes

PERMISSION	ELIGIBILITY	GUARDRAIL
profile.read	Member or assigned reporting superior	Limit private fields by need-to-know
personnel.grade.propose	Approved commander / promotion clerk	No direct grade modification
personnel.grade.approve	Assigned board/appointing authority	Cannot exceed scope; protects O-9/O-10

PERMISSION	ELIGIBILITY	GUARDRAIL
personnel.grade.apply	Registrar bot service account	Requires signed approval token and audit
appointment.issue	Named appointing authority	Time- and unit-scoped
enforcement.role_lock	Explicit trained moderation officer	Reason, duration, notification, appeal
enforcement.voice_restrict	Explicit trained moderation officer	Guild-scoped, proportionate, reviewable
audit.export	Auditor / server owner	Access logged, sensitive data protected
council.office.assign	Constitutional registrar after vote	Two-person confirmation and immutable evidence

Source-code compatibility audit

Review of supplied *fgranks.py*, *rank7b.py*, and *enforcer.py* shows that the deployed system is not yet equivalent to this doctrine. The files only enumerate E-1–E-5 and O-1–O-10; O-9 and O-10 have the same display name; and Enforcer authorizes O-6+ users by a rank-list check. These are technical observations, not adopted policy.

EXISTING CONDITION	REQUIRED REMEDIATION
Single rank string stored per member	Migrate to structured member profile with grade + corps + appointments.
Globally scoped rank and lock dictionaries	Partition by guild ID; separate cross-server identity from rank.
O-9 and O-10 map to same rank title	Split Council Lord vs singular Grand Elder; protect both.
Enforcer checks O-6+ automatically	Use explicit ACL grants independent of grade; audit all enforcement actions.
Enforcer expects a SlashRanks cog	Verify actual installed cog API; add compatibility adapter or refactor.
Overlapping update/import/export code paths	One validated domain service; guard upper grades and concurrency.
Change log bounded to latest 1,000 in advanced cog	Use persistent tamper-evident history + retention and export policy.
Documentation claims “O-10 only” for administrator commands	Align permission documentation with actual enforcement checks.
No grade migration for E-6–E-8 or W-1–W-3	Add new enum, role mappings, tests, migration preview and rollback.

Safe cutover procedure

01 Export and back up all rank, lock, and log data. Record running cogs and versions.

02 Define mapping from legacy grades to Version II grades; do not auto-elevate existing personnel.

03 Create guild-scoped profile schema; validate role IDs and reporting relationships.

04 Add permission guards, protected-grade approvals, and second-person confirmation.

05 Dry-run migration and compare every member's original grade and effective privileges.

06 Migrate inside a defined maintenance window; retain rollback snapshots.

07 Test promotions, locks, departures, role drift, jurisdiction restrictions, and audit exports.

08 Publish the effective charter and provide commanders with a new registry quick guide.

Post-migration acceptance criteria

TEST CASE	PASS CONDITION
Grade boundaries	No member may self-assign, bypass board approval, or create O-9/O-10.
Guild isolation	Ranks, role locks, logs and permissions never bleed between Discord servers.
Assignment expiry	Revoked / expired billet removes associated access and command affordances.
Emergency procedure	Authorized moderators can act in scope; each act is logged and reviewable.
Roster reconciliation	All member records retain original grade and accurate effective permissions.
Recovery rehearsal	Restore from backup into staging; verify rollback and change history.

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Forms & working templates

Ready-to-use administrative records for consistent promotions, commands, incidents, and Council governance.

How to complete and store the official forms

The following eight forms are printable masters. Every submitted form receives a unique reference number and an authenticated approving officer. Forms may be mirrored in Discord workflows or a database, but the retained electronic record MUST preserve the same facts and signatures.

FORM	PRIMARY OWNER	FILING TRIGGER
01 · Personnel appointment	Appointing commander / Personnel Registrar	New billet, renewal, delegation, or transfer
02 · Promotion / commission	Promotion board secretary	Board recommendation or approved change of grade
03 · Muster / readiness	E-4/E-5 team leader	Duty-cycle reporting and readiness checks
04 · Critical incident	Responsible commander / investigator	Material threat, safety event, or serious exception
05 · Command transfer	Outgoing and incoming officers	Change in control of a unit, ship or formation
06 · Discipline / appeal	Royal Provost	Conduct allegation, finding, and review
07 · Qualification warrant	Corps certifying authority	Technical qualification or renewal
08 · Council resolution	Council registrar	Policy vote, constitutional act, or supreme appointment

RECORD INTEGRITY

Unsigned drafts cannot grant authority. Keep an immutable approval history, separate confidential exhibits, and log every later correction. For training or rehearsal, mark the form SAMPLE so it cannot be confused with an operative order.

Form handling checklist

- Assign an official tracking ID and identify the originating unit.
- Verify the right approver and record the effective date separately from filing date.
- Attach evidence by reference rather than copying sensitive material into open registers.
- Provide acknowledgment or notice to the person affected, where appropriate.
- Archive the completed form and update associated personnel or access records.

FORM 01 / COMMAND

Personnel appointment order

PERSONNEL ID / NAME

GRADE + CORPS

BILLET / COMMAND

JURISDICTION AND REPORTING SUPERIOR

EFFECTIVE DATE / END TRIGGER

DEPUTY / SUCCESSION ORDER

Delegated powers and exclusions

Acceptance and appointing authority

Clerk notes / exhibits / reference IDs

File in personnel registry and update access only after approval.

FORM 02 / PROMOTION

Promotion / commissioning packet

CANDIDATE NAME / ID

CURRENT GRADE → PROPOSED GRADE

SERVICE / CORPS

BOARD AUTHORITY AND DATE

ELIGIBILITY VALIDATION

DECISION / APPEAL DEADLINE

Performance and qualification evidence

Board findings and recorded votes

Clerk notes / exhibits / reference IDs

Restricted grades require separately documented constitutional approvals.

FORM 03 / OPERATIONS

Muster and readiness return

UNIT / SHIP

DATE AND DUTY WATCH

REPORTING LEADER

ON DUTY / ABSENT / RESTRICTED

EQUIPMENT STATUS

SUBMITTED TO / TIME

Operational risks and deficiencies

Corrective actions / owner / due date

Clerk notes / exhibits / reference IDs

Report critical safety defects immediately; do not wait for routine muster.

FORM 04 / SAFETY

Critical incident report

INCIDENT ID / CLASSIFICATION

LOCATION / UNIT

START / CONTAINMENT TIME

COMMAND LEAD

SPECIALISTS NOTIFIED

REVIEW OFFICER

Facts, timeline, and immediate controls

Evidence and actions / due dates

Clerk notes / exhibits / reference IDs

Separate facts from allegations; protect sensitive medical and intelligence details.

FORM 05 / HANDOVER

Command transfer certificate

OUTGOING OFFICER

INCOMING OFFICER

UNIT / JURISDICTION

TRANSFER EFFECTIVE TIME

OPEN ORDERS / CASES

CREDENTIALS / PERMISSIONS REVOKED

Assets, personnel, risks and exceptions

Two-party acceptance / independent witness

Clerk notes / exhibits / reference IDs

Transfer does not change the officer's permanent military grade.

FORM 06 / PROVOST

Discipline and appeal register

CASE REFERENCE / ACCESS CLASS

COMPLAINANT CONTACT REFERENCE

RESPONDENT NOTICE DATE

INVESTIGATING AUTHORITY

DECISION DATE

APPEAL REVIEWER AND DEADLINE

Allegation / evidence references / conflicts

Finding, measure, and review outcome

Clerk notes / exhibits / reference IDs

Protect records, confidentiality and impartial review; no retaliation.

FORM 07 / TECHNICAL

Corps qualification warrant

MEMBER NAME / ID

CORPS AND CERTIFICATION

ASSESSING WARRANT / OFFICER

SCOPE / EQUIPMENT COVERED

ISSUE DATE / EXPIRY

SUSPENSION AND REVIEW TRIGGERS

Test and demonstrated competence

Limits of technical authority

Clerk notes / exhibits / reference IDs

A qualification does not by itself bestow operational command.

FORM 08 / GOVERNANCE

Council resolution & promulgation

RESOLUTION NUMBER

SPONSOR / OFFICE

DECISION CATEGORY

QUORUM / VOTES

GRAND ELDER ACTION

EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUPERSEDED TEXT

Decision text, dissent and implementation owner

Publication, signatures and archive reference

Clerk notes / exhibits / reference IDs

Preserve voting record and route amendments to the doctrine register.

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Quick-reference annex

A compact desk guide to the complete hierarchy, emergency reporting, command rules and terminology.

Master grade directory

GRADE	TITLE	GRADE	TITLE
E-1	Tadpole Initiate	O-1	Ensign-Tadpole
E-2	Swamplancer	O-2	Croaker-Lieutenant
E-3	Hopling Specialist	O-3	Warden of the Bog
E-4	Croaker's Mate	O-4	Toadmarshal
E-5	Senior Croaker's Mate	O-5	High Warden of the Bog
E-6	Chief Croaker's Mate	O-6	Bogmaster
E-7	Fleet Chief Croaker	O-7	Baron of the Bog
E-8	Master Croaker of the Fleet	O-8	Duke of the Lilypad
W-1	Warrant Croaker	O-9	Croaking Lord of the Federation
W-2	Senior Warrant Croaker	O-10	Grand Elder Croaker
W-3	Master Warrant Croaker		

Rapid response: who to contact

QUESTION / EVENT	FIRST CONTACT	SECONDARY ESCALATION
Who may order my team?	Assigned team / department leader	Appointing commander
Two incompatible orders	Immediate appointed superior	Common higher authority / Council registrar
Critical safety hazard	Unit commander / safety-qualified specialist	Fleet commander + relevant corps director
Technical or flight qualification	Corps instructor or Warrant officer	Corps Director
Harassment, misconduct, conflict	Provost or impartial Law & Honor contact	Elder Croaker of Law & Honor
Intelligence or access compromise	Silent Reed duty officer	The Silent Watcher / Provost as needed
Promotion or status error	Personnel Registrar	Promotion board / Tadpole Office
Constitutional Council dispute	Relevant Council offices	Grand Elder / lawful Council vote

Glossary

Appointment
A documented assignment that confers bounded operational responsibilities.

Billet
A defined position, usually with an organization, mission, and reporting superior.

Corps
A professional service whose authority concerns competence, qualification, and doctrine.

Council seat
One of the eight O-9 supreme domain offices; an office rather than an ordinary promotion slot.

Delegation
Written authorization to exercise defined powers on behalf of an authority.

Grade
A permanent military rank level until lawfully changed.

Great Leap Trials
The Federation's traditional commissioning examination path.

Muster
Periodic attendance, duty and readiness report.

Noble dignity
Civil or ceremonial hereditary/granted title outside military grade.

Order
A ceremonial, mystical or elite institution; specific authority depends on charter.

Professional stop-work
A technical safety restriction valid within a defined certification jurisdiction.

RACI
Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Informed decision matrix.

Succession order
Written sequence of acting command for an absent commander.

Technical warrant
Formal authority appointing a specialist to certify defined systems.

Toadguard
Elite combat formation under the Bog Guard domain.

Warp-lane
Federation interstellar travel route administered by Ether Navigation.

Implementation priorities

1 Adopt the constitutional framework
Ratify the O-9/O-10 distinction, noble/command separation and delegation rules.

2 Approve new grades
Authorize E-6–E-8 and W-1–W-3, insignia and grade-specific conditions.

3 Appoint corps directors
Publish charter, qualifications and safety scopes for the ten corps.

4 Issue position orders
Create reporting lines and succession sheets for real units.

5 Harden the bot
Migrate data, protect grades, separate privileges from rank, test and audit.

6 Train and launch
Brief leaders, publish reference, invite corrections, set next annual review.

Sources, amendments, and provenance

Foundational source: *FROGS.txt*, supplied as the original Federation of Royal Oathsworn Guardians naval rank structure. **Technical review:** *fgranks.py*, *rank7b.py*, *enforcer.py*, examined for rank identifiers, command permissions, data storage, and compatibility. **Version II additions:** created in the present project from the previously discussed expansion and codified here as proposals. No outside fictional canon or real-world military regulation is incorporated as governing authority.

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2.0 approved	To be recorded	Council resolution, sovereign promulgation, effective date	Not yet issued

“The rank is the office of service; the oath is its burden.”

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