

Your Boundary County Militia, the 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Light Foot, has been busy as of late.

We have started organizing meetings in our home county, every second Monday of the month, 7pm, at the Bonners Ferry Visitors Center, upstairs conference room (please see our Calendar/Updates page at [www.northidaho21lightfoot.org](http://www.northidaho21lightfoot.org)). And we have also begun organizing the Bonner County (17<sup>th</sup> Battalion) and Kootenai County (55<sup>th</sup> Battalion) Militias'. We consider ourselves a North Idaho militia (which geographically makes sense) with local command structures based on county residence.

Bonner County residents can attend their local meeting every second Friday of the month, 7pm at Slates Restaurant on Hwy 95 in Ponderay (again, upstairs conference room). Kootenai County's meeting place and time is still to be determined.

We are growing quickly in the 2 short months we have "officially" existed, but we do need your help. If you would like more information about our mission and goals, please come and talk with us. We welcome your questions and comments, and only wish to educate our fellow Idahoans' on the traditional role of the citizens' constitutional militia.

We had a meeting with Bonner County Sheriff Wheeler and Under-sheriff Bussey recently. Myself and MSgt. Miller attended the meeting which was very open and enlightening. We informed the Sheriff of our mission and intentions (we are a grass roots, local militia, more closely aligned with the Colonial Militia of our founding era than the militias of the 1990's; which were, for the most part, politically driven, private militias') and we were well received. Sheriff Wheeler stated his belief that this nation was founded by Christian Statesmen, based on Biblical principals and Law, and that the militia "composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state" (see Virginia Declaration of Rights, June 12, 1776).

We couldn't agree more.

I spoke with Sheriff Wheeler about our wish to be available for call-up by himself, or Boundary County Sheriff Sprungel, if the need arose (lost hiker/snowmobiler, flood, storm, etc.). He stated that he would be willing to call upon us to aid in emergencies as long as our members met the basic requirements of their Search and Rescue Team.

Our members, who would like to extend a helping hand beyond their duties in the county militia, can join their local Search and Rescue Unit and receive training in First Aid/CPR, Compass/Map Reading/Land Navigation and Basic Search Techniques. After submitting the proper applications and undergoing a background check by the Sheriff's Department, our members will be available to assist their neighbors in emergencies great and small.

We, your neighbors and friends, wish only to serve our communities and prepare for situations we hope never materialize. I ask you to join with us in this great, patriotic duty.

Thank you and God bless you and yours,

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