

# New Recruit Letter

**Congratulations on your decision to stand with the North Idaho Light Foot Militia!**

According to the U.S. Constitution, Federal Law, the Idaho State Constitution and Idaho State Code, all male citizens ages 18-45 years are members of the militia. According to Anglo-Saxon Common Law, and the laws and customs of the American Colonies before our separation from the British Empire, all males (and even females during an actual emergency) between the ages of 15 and 60 were considered members of the militia. So the militia, like your God given rights, existed before the United States government was formed. And as such, you are already a member of the militia, by statute and by God-given right.

The Geneva Conventions set forth the conditions for the recognition of legitimate militia organizations...

**ANNEX TO THE CONVENTION : Regulations respecting the laws and customs of war on land**

**-Section I : On belligerents**

**-Chapter I : The qualifications of belligerents**

**-Article 1. The laws, rights, and duties of war apply not only to armies, but also to militia and volunteer corps fulfilling the following conditions:**

- 1. To be commanded by a person responsible for his subordinates;**
- 2. To have a fixed distinctive emblem recognizable at a distance;**
- 3. To carry arms openly; and**
- 4. To conduct their operations in accordance with the laws and customs of war.**

In order to fulfill these conditions we ask you to do the following:

- Obtain a suitable uniform and purchase the appropriate rank and insignia patches (see the attached "Uniform Standards").
- If you have experience you feel would benefit others in the militia, please step up and ask to be considered for an officer position. After consideration by your teammates, they will hold a vote and, if accepted, you will be given a rank suitable to your talents. If you do not have any beneficial experience or do not wish to lead,

then you must agree to accept the orders of those above you in rank. All ranks are voted on by the men below them. This is not regular army, militiamen cannot be threatened with court martial to make them obey orders, they must trust and respect the men who wish to lead them.

- When participating in any militia activity, you will openly bear only legal arms and accessories. When in active service, if called up by the Governor, you will obey the laws of war.

*We are not a private militia or private para-military group. We are citizens of the State of Idaho who are simply exercising our rights, to bear arms and peacefully assemble, to train and network with other patriotic Americans in order that we might be a "well-regulated militia" if the time ever comes when we are called upon to defend our County, State, Nation and U.S. Constitution "against all enemies, foreign and domestic."*

### **Training -**

Training days will be agreed upon at the unit meetings and dates/times/gear needed will be listed on the "Calendar/Updates" page of our website as well as emailed to those on our mailing list.

For the time being, we have settled on two quality field manuals to use for training so that we're all on the same page, so to speak.

- The first is US Army Field Manual FM 21-75 "Combat Skills of the Soldier".
- The second is "Light Infantry Tactics for Small Teams" by Christopher E. Larson.

These can be purchased from Ebay.com and Amazon.com using the links on the "Training" page of our website. Or you can try running a search to see if you can find a better price from a different online retailer.

Thank you for your interest in being a part of the Idaho militia. For more information, please contact us at...

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