

Missouri Militia 1st Battalion, 8th brigade, Charlie Company
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Article I. Name, Definition and Purpose:

Section 1.01 The organization shall be the Missouri Militia, 1st Battalion, 8th brigade, Charlie Company; a duly authorized unit under the Missouri Militia, defined as follows:

- (a) As the collective expression of the God-given unalienable rights, and infeasible duties, of individual and community self-defense.
- (b) By George Mason as, "the whole people, except for a few public officials".
- (c) By its duties under the US Constitution to "execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions".
- (d) By its character under the US Constitution as "necessary to the security of a free State".
- (e) By its character under RSMO Chapter 41 of the Missouri Statutes.

Section 1.02 Per Art. I, Sect 24 of the Missouri Constitution the organization shall always maintain strict subordination to civil power.

- (a) Unorganized Militia: When the organization has not been called forth by the Governor as noted in RSMO Chapter 41, the organization shall be governed by these bylaws and shall not be considered activated. As shown in these bylaws, if called upon by the County or other municipalities or agencies; the organization shall not be considered activated and shall be working under direct authority of the requesting municipality or agency.
- (b) Organized Militia: When the organization has been called forth by the Governor to enforce RSMO Chapter 41, the organization shall be considered under orders of the Governor.

Article II. The purposes of the organization shall be limited to

Section 2.01 We recognize our responsibility to the entirety of our community, to our State, and to our Republic.

Section 2.02 Protecting all peaceful citizens and residents of Polk, Cedar and St. Clair Counties and of others of the State of Missouri against real or imminent physical threats of any and all kinds, natural and man-made, and against usurpations and abridgements of their natural and of their Constitutionally-protected rights, especially but not limited to the right of individual and community self-defense. This section includes the Constitutionally mandated duties of suppression of insurrections and repulsion of invasions under RSMO Chapter 41 of the Missouri Statutes.

Section 2.03 Enforcing the Constitutions of Missouri and of the United States and all laws made in pursuance thereof, and the enumerated natural rights secured therein, and other non-enumerated natural rights, with particular attention to violations of rights under color of law; and in close cooperation with the Grand Jury.

Section 2.04 This organization recognizes only one Human Race, including vast variety of appearance and character, each member endowed by his or her Creator with the same inalienable rights.

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Section 2.05 To enhance its ability to serve the community by multiplying resources, and increasing capacity and geographic reach, this organization shall work diligently to integrate its functional and command structure with those of other groups with compatible goals in the County and region, but shall not compromise the values and principles set forth herein.

Article III. Excluded Purposes

Section 3.01 This organization is not a prepper club or self-protection society.

Section 3.02 This organization shall not support or advocate for any candidate, political agenda, or ballot issue.

Section 3.03 Promoting training or actions to promote civil disorder.

Article IV. Jurisdiction:

Section 4.01 Area of operation and jurisdiction shall be Polk, Cedar and St. Clair Counties within the State of Missouri

Section 4.02 The Militia may be called upon to render aid by any municipal or county agency in a time of natural disaster, mass casualty events, insurrection or other event that supports above said Municipalities or Counties. Entities such as county government, city government, fire, police, sheriff and other emergency services may call upon the Militia for aid. Under these circumstances, the Militia shall operate under the authority and charter of the agency that requested aid, within the parameters set forth in this document.

Section 4.03 The Militia can render humanitarian aid in the time of natural or man-made disaster without being called upon by authorities, should dire events require immediate response to save life, property or liberty. Upon arrival of Local, State or Federal response personnel, the Militia will seek out the command of above said agencies; providing details of the events, actions taken, as well as outcomes. Upon request of said agencies, the Militia shall either modify its deployment to operate under the command of the responding agency, or facilitate an orderly exit from the affected area after securing the Militia's safety.

Section 4.04 Operation outside the Counties listed in Article II, Section 2.01 may be an essential and urgent part of dealing with a County related issue. Coordination with local authorities should always be sought.

Section 4.05 The Militia may operate outside Polk, Cedar and St. Clair Counties if any one or more of the following conditions is satisfied

- (a) The Militia's assistance is officially requested by a legitimate similar unit, or other legitimate law-enforcement agency, and the Militia can respond to the request without compromising its local obligations.

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- (b) The Militia is called into State service according to Law and for lawful purposes, and the Militia can respond to the request without compromising its local obligations; however under no circumstances may federal service involve service outside the territorial limits of the United States.

Article V. Missouri Militia Standards

Section 5.01 Missouri Militia maintains a ratified Policy and Procedure Manual that must be adhered to at all times. Members will be given a copy of this manual once voted in.

Section 5.02 Missouri Militia requires that all recruits and members train, *at a minimum*, from the US Army Warrior Skills Book 1, as defined by the Missouri Militia curriculum.

- (a) The Red, White and Blue Sections are required before you may become a member
- (b) The remaining skills sets are shown as requirements of obtaining rank.

Section 5.03 There will be three parallel training tracks following the same methods, with differing curriculum. A path must be chosen by each recruit.

(a) Standard Infantry

- (i) Army Warrior Skills, Others

(b) Minutemen

- (i) Army Warrior Skills, Army Rangers Handbook, Others
- (ii) The Minutemen track will require an additional commitment of time and availability

(c) Logistics

- (i) Portions of Army Warrior Skills, Army FM 4-95 Logistics Operations, Other

Article VI. Membership

Section 6.01 Membership shall be open to any citizen or legal resident of this State or of the United States, residing in or having ties to Polk, Cedar and St. Clair Counties; who is not a paid official or employee with executive or supervisory responsibility of any government; who has not been convicted of a felony in any State; whose character and principles have satisfactorily passed investigation, and who will swear the following oath:

Section 6.02 Oath: I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Missouri, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the lawful orders of the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Missouri, as well as the lawful orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Militia Bylaws and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.

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Section 6.03 Those that follow anti-Constitutional belief systems, such as Sharia Law, the KKK or other radical organizations, are ineligible for membership in this organization because their belief system supersedes that of the US Constitution, rendering any oath they may swear valueless. Members of secret societies, or political advocacy groups, may be similarly ineligible if there is reason believe they are attempting to foster a political agenda, to subvert loyalty to the US Constitution, or the sincerity of their oath.

Section 6.04 Applicants for membership shall be vetted to assure that they will be an asset to the Militia and community in that role. Information about their character may be gathered from any source, including Internet postings, publications, employers, neighbors and acquaintances; however their privacy will not be compromised by public disclosure of any information gathered. Evidence of a desire for violence; of intent to act outside the law, or advocate for acting, on racial prejudice; or of disrespect for due process and rule of law, shall tend to disqualify an applicant.

Section 6.05 Membership shall not be limited by age, sex, or ability; however no member under the age of 18 shall be eligible for hazardous duty except under extraordinary necessity, and all members must be judged fit for their assigned duties by their commanding officers, and must make timely disclosure to same of any relevant disabilities.

Section 6.06 "Men" in this document shall refer to 'all humans', regardless of age or sex.

Section 6.07 No member may be a habitual user of any drug or substance, legal or otherwise, that impairs his effective functioning or judgement, nor may any member report for duty under such influence. Violation of this requirement is grounds for dismissal.

Section 6.08 Refusal of a lawful order is grounds for dismissal.

Section 6.09 Members must cooperate with appropriate skills training, physical training and conditioning exercises and requirements, to support their effectiveness. Persistent failure to do so is grounds for dismissal.

- (a) Members and recruit must state 48 hours prior to each training day that they intend to participate in that training or a valid reason why they cannot attend. Work and family concerns are valid reasons, as well as others; but a commitment must also be made to the Unit.
- (b) Failure to attend 3 training sessions in 6 months without notice or reason will place the member up for a vote of removal.

Section 6.10 By accepting these Bylaws all members affirm that they understand that militia duty and training is inherently hazardous. Every member commits to work diligently to minimize and mitigate hazards, to other members and to the public, therefore every member is responsible to observe and appropriately alert other members to any hazardous conduct occurring during training. Every member affirms that he takes on these unavoidable hazards willingly and knowingly, and that any injuries to himself or damage to his property are his responsibility alone.

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Section 6.11 Members must conduct themselves at all times in a peaceful, responsible manner and diligently refrain from engaging in conduct unnecessarily demeaning or degrading to anyone. We are the conscience of the People, and the last line of defense of the US Constitution and the laws that promote safety and civilization within our nation. We cannot function without the confidence of the People, our neighbors, and we must never undermine it. Conduct damaging to the reputation or mission of the Militia is grounds for dismissal.

Section 6.12 Membership requires participation. The Militia also needs friends and allies and any person may be an associate of Militia, but shall not be a Member, shall not vote, and shall not receive information about or participate in operations unless he has attended 50% of general meetings, appropriate training events since joining and received a majority vote according to this document.

Section 6.13 No member may make any statement on behalf of the Militia, or participate in any public activity in the character of a Member of the Militia, without explicit authorization by the Missouri Militia Command Staff received in advance. Our effectiveness depends on our reputation. Participation in questionable activities or making questionable statements, even if the member insists that he is acting on his own without the authority of the group, still reflects on this Militia and on all of the Missouri Militia. This includes newspaper, television, and all forms of social media.

Article VII. Decision-Making and Command Structure

Section 7.01 The Militia has a dual system of governance. General functioning of the group, including application of membership standards, member admission and expulsion; and execution of decisions about bylaws, plans, and actions to engage in, will be overseen by the Command Staff, which shall consist of an Operational Commander, Intelligence Liaison, Communications Liaison, Minuteman Liaison, Logistics and Supply Liaison, Medical Liaison, Membership Liaison, and Training Liaison. As membership constraints require and qualifications allow, one individual may hold multiple titles/responsibilities, however concentration of responsibility should be minimized to bring the widest possible perspective and knowledge base to the Command function.

Article VIII. Appointment and duties of Command Staff Members

Section 8.01 Command Staff roles are Corporate in nature. A Militia is neither a Corporation, nor a Military entity; yet they are also both. All field operations (deployment, training, etc.) will adhere to the military chain of command of elected Officers (Captain & Lieutenant), NCOs (1Sgt, SSgt, Sgt, etc.), Enlisted (Corporal, Private, Trooper) and Recruits. Non-field operations decisions regarding the Militia will be handled through Command Staffs, including oversight.

Section 8.02 All Command Staff members shall be elected from among the membership, and may be removed, by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of members present at a meeting announced for that purpose two weeks ahead of time. In an emergency, the Staff may remove one of its members by consensus; however the removal is subject to review by the membership ASAP.

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Section 8.03 Each Staff Member can appoint an assistant to help him and replace him in his unavoidable temporary absence.

Article IX. Unit Structure

Section 9.01 The Company will strive to fulfill the Company make up as follows

- (a) Alpha Platoon will comprise of 2-4 Squads of Minutemen
 - (i) One Squad to be Field Medic or equal
- (b) Bravo Platoon will comprise of 4-8 Squads of Militiamen
 - (i) One Squad to be Field Medic or equal
- (c) Charlie Platoon will Comprise of 8-10 Squads of Logistics
 - (i) One Squad to be Militiamen
 - (ii) One Squad to be Medical Corp operating from a secure location

Duties of Command Staff Members

Section 9.02 **Operational Commander** (unit CO) or his designee (unit XO) shall command all external operations of the Militia of all kinds, and shall be ultimately responsible for the highest possible level of personnel and public safety and for the successful completion of the operation. All military, quasi-military, law-enforcement, and training operations shall be under the exclusive command of the Operations Commander and his subordinates. Operational Commander shall devise and maintain his subordinate command structure, subject to the approval of the Command Staff. Duties shall also include assuring the orderly progress of meetings and keeping of Minutes (for which purpose he may appoint a Secretary), calling meetings in response to events or concerns raised by Members (if two or more members request a meeting on a given subject, it shall be scheduled and held within two weeks), and participation in the Staff's deliberations.

Section 9.03 **Intelligence Liaison** Duties shall be responsible for designing, organizing, and directing the intelligence-gathering functions of the Militia. Information that must be gathered and kept current includes belief systems and probable intentions of any significant actors in the AO, movements ongoing and planned of any groups or forces relevant to the community, intentions of outside groups including government entities, criminal elements, refugees, gangs, etc., that may at any point impinge on the safety, resources and rights of the community, and current and future disposition and availability of resources necessary to the health of the community and operations of the Militia. Appropriate intelligence sharing with other groups is a core function.

Section 9.04 **Communications Liaison** Duties shall include all necessary official communication with government bodies, other Militia groups, paid law-enforcement agencies; all membership notifications and callouts; and specifying, recommending training in, and oversight of all operational communications equipment and methods for the Militia. He may appoint a technical specialist if needed.

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Section 9.05 **Minuteman Commander** Duties are to command the Minuteman. They shall command external operations of the Militia with regard to the Minutemen and shall report directly to the Operational Commander, and shall be ultimately responsible for the highest possible level of personnel and public safety and for the successful completion of the operation. Minuteman Commander shall devise and maintain his subordinate command structure, subject to the approval of the Operational Commander. Minutemen must commit to a training and readiness regimen beyond that of the regular Militia.

- (a) Historically Militias held separate, but equal, the role of Minutemen. As a rule of thumb 25% of the Militia's operational forces comprised of men 'ready at a minutes notice' during Colonial times. This contingent trained on a more rigorous schedule, had more resources and could respond quickly. Today, this would be a QRF (Quick Response Force) in the Army. As it relates to the modern Militia, this force would be first to respond to a crisis while the remainder of the Militia assembles.

Section 9.06 **Medical Liaison** Duties shall include planning and oversight of all medical personnel and operations. This includes medical training, field trauma care, medical transportation, hospitals and clinics. All medical equipment and distribution will be the responsibility of the Medical Officer.

Section 9.07 **Logistics/Supply Liaison** Duties shall include planning and oversight of all movements of personnel and equipment of the Militia; and planning, inventory maintenance, and acquisition and protection of all supplies and equipment, including but not limited to food, water, weapons and ammunition, vehicles, fuels, medical supplies and equipment, and other materiel belonging to or used by the Militia. His input is essential to judging feasibility of all actions of the Militia during the planning process, and to supporting them in the field.

Section 9.08 **Membership Liaison** Duties shall include recruiting and vetting new members, informing the Staff of special needs of all and of individual members, maintaining membership lists which shall include record of date of admission and oath, contact information, availability, and level of health, skills and training of each member; and maintaining the security of such lists. Membership list shall be available only to the Command Staff,

Section 9.09 **Finance Liaison** Duties to be equal to that of a Treasurer for the Unit accounting for monies collected and for monies disbursed in accordance with the Command Staff directives.

Section 9.10 **Training Liaison** Duties shall include scheduling and providing for all training prescribed by the Command Staff, developing training program for adoption by Command Staff, and seeking out sources for useful training of all types to suggest to the Command Staff.

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Article X. Meetings, Voting, and Responsibility

Section 10.01 Decisions about bylaws, plans, and actions to engage in shall be made by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of members present at a meeting announced for the purpose two weeks in advance, however emergency action decisions may be made by the Command Staff alone, subject to review by the Members at the earliest possible date. Decisions about admission, expulsion, or discipline of a member shall be made by the Command Staff.

Section 10.02 Minutes must be kept for all meetings of the membership and of the Command Staff, and shall record members present, major points of discussion, decisions made, shall be approved by those present before adjournment of each meeting, and shall be available on request to any Member, but shall not be distributed outside the Militia.

Section 10.03 Militiamen are volunteers, and may refuse to participate in a specific action if they have personal beliefs or responsibilities that interfere. However a consistent pattern of refusal may be grounds for dismissal. Once a member accepts an assignment, he is bound to obey the orders of the officer in charge.

Article XI. Operational ranks, duties, qualifications

Section 11.01 Operational Commander shall nominate and Members shall approve by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority all subordinate officers and assignments of rank.

Section 11.02 A valid DD-214 showing training and practical experience in Missouri Militia approved MOS groups is suitable for retaining a member's muster out rank, provided they show that they can execute those skills proficiently.

Article XII. Resignations, removals, and replacement of officers

Section 12.01 Command Staff members who resign, die, or are removed shall be replaced by election from the membership at the next scheduled membership meeting, replacement to be announced as an agenda item two weeks before the meeting. If required by exigent circumstances a temporary replacement may be made by the remainder of the Command Staff to serve until the next meeting of the Membership.

Section 12.02 A Command Staff member may be removed by vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members present at a meeting announced for the purpose 2 weeks in advance. Such a meeting must be scheduled on motion of $\frac{1}{3}$ of the Membership delivered to the Staff, or presented at a Membership Meeting. If exigent circumstances require, a Command Staff member may be removed by unanimous consensus of the remaining Staff, subject to approval by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority at the next Membership Meeting.

Section 12.03 Any operational officer or member may be removed or demoted for cause at any time by his superior officer; however removals must be investigated, reviewed, and approved or reversed at the earliest practical date by the Command Staff.

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Section 12.04 Any Officer may be relieved of duty by one or more of his subordinates, but not by his immediate subordinate, at any time, but only for the gravest causes, such as the giving of unlawful orders, unjustified order to surrender, insanity, or treason. However any such reliefs or removals shall be investigated as possible insubordination or treason, at the earliest practical date, by the Command Staff. A removed or relieved officer shall be replaced by his immediate subordinate, subject to review at the earliest practical date by the Command Staff.

Article XIII. Standing Rules of Engagement

Section 13.01 All combat related actions will have the ROE defined in the mission briefing. Combat missions will be clearly defined as such prior to deployment, otherwise the following ROE apply:

Section 13.02 Natural Law and all valid civil laws must be followed by all members at all times, unless doing so creates a reasonable danger of immediate harm to the member, or seriously impedes an urgent, necessary, and lawful mission.

Section 13.03 All persons, animals, and property must be treated with respect at all times, unless they pose an immediate danger to a member or to the lawful mission, in which case the minimum force required to mitigate the danger must be used.

Section 13.04 Women and children are to be treated as non-combatants and shown all possible courtesy at all times, unless they present a clear danger or are engaged in deliberate hostile activity, in which case the minimum of force needed to mitigate the danger shall be used.

Section 13.05 No non-combatant shall be deprived of presumption of innocence, fair trial, or other natural or Constitutionally-protected right.

Section 13.06 In all cases possible and consistent with its lawful mission, Militia activity shall be coordinated with, and at the request of, the appropriate agencies of established lawful government, including paid police agencies and the Grand Jury.

Section 13.07 At no time during a non-combat, training mission or simulated combat mission, shall any member infringe on the personal or property rights of others. Permission must be obtained in advance for training on private property. Training on public land must be done in a manner that does not violate any law or ordinance.

Article XIV. Communication

Section 14.01 Communication about activities, membership, and equipment of the organization shall take place only among members and only as necessary or ordered to support operations.

Section 14.02 No member may make any public statement on behalf of the organization without specific authorization Missouri Militia Command.

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Section 14.03 Effective means for timely communication within the Militia and with similar groups outside the AO must be established and maintained independent of any non-Militia-controlled infrastructure.

Article XV. Inter-Company Cooperation

Section 15.01 As a unique Company within the Missouri Militia, Inter-Company Cooperation is to be as follows:

- (a) Any Missouri Militia verified member may attend training and other events in our unit, but has no voting power within our unit.
- (b) Any 1st Battalion, 8th brigade, Charlie Company member may attend training and other events in other units, but has no voting power within that other unit.
- (c) Joint operations such as BTX, JTX, etc. are to be encouraged

Section 15.02 Should a neighboring Company disband, or become operationally ineffective, the remaining members of that unit may join our unit provided a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of our voting members are in the affirmative.

Section 15.03 Should a member of another unit create discord, use subversion, or actively engage in other acts willfully against our unit or members; that person will be banned from attending any function with our unit.

Article XVI. Adoption and Amendment

Section 16.01 These by-laws must be adopted, and may be amended, by $\frac{3}{4}$ of all members present in person at a meeting for which two weeks' notice has been given.