

**MANUAL / BYLAWS FOR THE  
MICHIGAN MILITIA CORPS, WOLVERINES (M.M.C.W.)  
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**MILITIA:**

An unorganized, well-regulated, and independent Citizen militia.

**PURPOSE:**

To establish the historical and Constitutional precedent for the establishment of the Michigan Militia Corps, Wolverines. To explain its mission and goals and to explain the organizational structure of the Wolverines.

**“A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” [Amendment 2 of the unlined States Bill of Rights].**

**“Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the State.” [Article I, Section 6, Constitution of Michigan, Declaration of Rights].**

**HISTORY:**

There have been many debates over what the militia is and who controls it. Some believe it is the Guard, while others state that it is only part of the Guard. Much of the debate is focused on the individual citizen's right to keep and bear arms. What the second Amendment means; and why it was specifically added as an inalienable right.

During colonial days the militia was more-or-less loosely controlled by colonies, generally formed for common defense around geographical limitations, and comprised of all able-bodied men between the ages of seventeen and forty-five. All were required to have their own musket, ball, powder, flint and knapsack. In 1792, the second Congress passed a statute establishing “An uniform militia throughout the united States.” It detailed every able-bodied male citizen between the ages of eighteen and forty-five be enrolled therein and to equip him with appropriate weaponry. However, this statute was repealed in 1901 when Theodore Roosevelt declared, “Our militia law is obsolete and worthless.” The reason for this was that it was poorly equipped and trained. Simply stated, not enough had been done to organize a nation-wide militia.

In 1903 Congress passed the Dick Act. This act divided the class of able-bodied male citizens between the ages of eighteen and forty-five into an “organized militia” to be known as the State Guard of the several states, and the remainder to be described as the Reserve Militia which later statutes have defined as the “unorganized militia.”

Congress then decided to federalize the State Guard. The National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, 39 Statute 166, PROVIDED IN PART: “that the Army of the United States shall consist of the Regular Army, the Volunteer Army, the Officers’ Reserve Corps., the National Guard while in the service of the United States, and such other land forces as are now or may hereafter be authorized by law.” Notice that Congress included all elements of both “organized” and “unorganized” militia into the federal National Guard.

Therefore, if Congress has expressly established the identity of the organized militia, what then is the unorganized militia of the united States?

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### **United States Code, Title 10, Section 311, page 95, defines militia:**

(a) The militia of the United States consists of all able-bodied males at least 17 years of age and, except as provided in section 313 of title 32, under 45 years of age who are, or who have made a declaration of intention to become, citizens of the United States and of female citizens of the United States who are commissioned officers of the National Guard.

(b) The classes of the militia are:

- (1) the organized militia, which consists of the National Guard and the Naval militia; and
- (2) the unorganized militia, which consists of the members of the militia **who are not** members of the National Guard or the Naval militia.

### **Section 312. Militia duty exemptions:**

(a) The following persons are exempt from militia duty:

- (1) The Vice President
- (2) The Judicial and Executive officers of the United States, the several States and Territories, Puerto Rico.
- (3) Members of the armed forces, except members who are not on active duty.
- (4) Customhouse clerks.
- (5) Persons employed by the United States in the transmission of a mail.
- (6) Workers employed in armories, arsenals, and naval shipyards of the United States.
- (7) Pilots on navigable waters.
- (8) Mariners in the sea service of a citizen of or a merchant in, the United States.

(b) A person who claims exemption because of religious belief is exempt from militia duty in a combatant capacity, if the conscientious holding of that belief is established under such regulations as the President may prescribe. However, such a person is not exempt from militia duty that the President determines to be noncombatant.

### **Has the definition changed?**

If it has, and the Federal Government has denied the citizens the right to be part of an unorganized citizen militia, then we are in grave danger in our country. Congress has never repealed the National Defense Act, which made the National Guard and its reserve forces part of the Federal Army. The question then is this: "Where is the unorganized militias today?"

**"Resolved, therefore, that this colony be immediately put into a statue of defense, and that there be a committee to prepare a plan for embodying, arming, and disciplining such a number of men, as may be sufficient for that purpose."**

Others have set the precedent for the Michigan Militia Corps, Wolverines generations ago. Therefore, it is up to us, the inheritors of the task begun more than two centuries ago, to seek and secure these same ideals in the face of the same threats expressed by Patrick Henry. To wit, that the organized government, having removed itself from the citizens, inter-se, had intended to dissolve the rights and liberties of free people. To that end, the mission of the Michigan Militia Corps, Wolverines is hereby set forth.

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### **MISSION:**

To defend the Constitution for “the State of Michigan” and the Constitution for these united States of America. To uphold and defend the Bill of Rights, seen as unalienable, given by God to free men that they remain free. To insure that all citizens regardless of race, color, religion, sex, physical characteristics, or national origin; shall have the right and opportunity to due process of law as established and guaranteed by the Great Documents that guide this great nation.

### **GOALS:**

It shall be the goal of Michigan Militia Corps, Wolverines to:

- 1) Present itself to the inhabitants/Citizens of this region as a well-regulated, well-trained, well-equipped, and knowledgeable militia unit, comprised of ordinary inhabitants/Citizens rather than professional soldiers.
- 2) Establish a cohesive command structure able to instruct and to task as need arises.
- 3) Train its members in the many disciplines necessary to the function of the militia as a whole, and as members individually.
- 4) Educate its members in areas of history, law, and principle, through knowledge imparted by this country’s historical record.
- 5) Inform its members of local, national, and global events imperiling the Constitution, and impacting the direction of the state and/or country.
- 6) Encourage its members to fulfill their duty to stand against tyranny, and anyone or anything that threatens to undermine our form of government, or these united States of America.
- 7) Uphold the pure constitutional rule of law whereby all inhabitants/Citizens have the right to trial by jury of their peers in a court of law.
- 8) Seek the protection, wisdom, and leadership of Almighty God as we submit to Him to do His will in protecting the liberty and freedom that He has given to all.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:**

It is our understanding that Michigan Militia Corps, Wolverines constitutes and fulfills the roll of the Unorganized Militia for the State of Michigan.

#### **Michigan Compiled Laws 32509: Organized militia; unorganized militia section 109 provides that:**

- The organized militia of this State collective shall be known as the State Military establishment and constitutes the armed forces of this State. The organized militia consists of the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, and the defense force when actually in existence as provided in this act.
- The unorganized militia consists of all other able-bodied citizens of this State who have or shall have declared their intent to become citizens of the United States who shall be age 17 or over and not more than age 60, and shall subject to State Military duty as provided in this act

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While it is intended that the militia intrude as little as possible in the private lives of its members, it is also clear that individual members are duty-bound and must be ready to meet periodically and to deploy as the need arises. It shall be the objective of the staff to infringe as little as possible on the time of militia members, recognizing their responsibilities to their families and jobs, but also acknowledging the duty to protect their country by fulfilling their oath to the fullest extent.

Militia members are highly encouraged to live exemplary lives by following the examples of our forefathers. Blatant violation of fundamental law places the legitimacy of the MMCW at risk. Just one member can jeopardize the citizen militia by unlawful acts when those wishing to discredit us look for such opportunity.

Therefore, in order to protect the body as a whole, militia members shall be subject to court martial made up of the Command Staff convened to hear the facts of the case before it. Members may stand trial for flagrant violations of oath and such acts that would discredit the Wolverines or place the MMCW at risk. The accused will stand in his or her own defense. No charge will be brought to the court-martial unless supported by at least two witnesses. The maximum penalty for any offense shall be permanent dismissal from the militia. After counsel the convened command staff shall vote on appropriate action. Any militia members may voluntarily withdraw from the militia at any time without prejudice for reasons of conscience. In such case, all issued equipment must be returned.

It shall also be the right of each militia member to appeal to authority within the direct chain of command regarding grievances. In every case however, the militia member shall follow the order or directive first and make his or her appeal afterward. If a militia member, for reason of conscience, feels impelled to disobey an order he feels is unlawful, he should immediately contact the next in the chain of command with his grievance.

The MMCW shall support and obey all laws that do not conflict with the Constitution for the State of Michigan or the Constitution for the United States of America. It is of note, that the U.S. Supreme Court has stated that any law which conflicts with the Constitution is not a law at all, and may be freely ignored. (This is not legal advice; you are responsible for your own actions and the consequences thereof.)

There will be NO alcohol, NO illegal drugs, and NO illegal weapons allowed at ANY MMCW training, meeting, or other event. Anyone found to have, or suspected of having, any of the previously mentioned items on their person, in their possession or in their system (minimum of 12 hours for alcohol and 24 hours for illegal drugs) will be asked to leave the training, meeting, or event. If you refuse you will be removed by force, if necessary.

### **ASSEMBLY MEETINGS:**

It is your duty as a Leader/Commander/member to attend meetings. Failure to attend meetings or to send a proxy voids any complaint later.

Periodic musters and assemblies are necessary and shall be called to achieve the overall goals of the militia unit. Members must discipline themselves to set aside a time for assembly. Militia members shall be notified of actual times and places.

All militia members will be required to provide information about them in order that their experience and background can be best utilized. Information provided shall be kept confidential and shall be used only for the functioning of the MMCW. County/Brigade Commanders are to contact their Division Commander at least once per month to update on any new phone or communication numbers. Division Commanders are to Contact State command once per month to relay and update any changes.

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Even though every citizen has a duty to defend his state by his joining into civil society, under no circumstances are militia members to discredit the MMCW by pressuring citizens to join or contribute material or financial support. All material and financial contributions shall be accepted.

In order to achieve those goals, a command structure made up of a Commander and Command Staff be created. Subordinate to Command Staff shall be support elements. Each element to consist of subordinate units necessary to carry out the mission of the brigades, divisions and the MMCW as a whole. The organization shall be structured as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Brigade</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Army Officer Pin</b>
Commander	Lt. Colonel	Colonel	Brigadier General	
Executive Officer	Major	Lt. Colonel	Colonel	
Administrative Officer			Colonel	(aide to BG)
Company Commander	Captain			(cavalry)
Intelligence	First Lt.	Captain	Major	(military intelligence)
Ground Ops	First Lt.	Captain	Major	(armor)
Air Ops	First Lt.	Captain	Major	(aviation)
Special Ops/Safety	First Lt.	Captain	Major	(special operations)
Security	First Lt.	Captain	Major	(military police)
Medic	First Lt.	Captain	Major	(medical corps)
Training	First Lt.	Captain	Major	(infantry)
Supply	First Lt.	Captain	Major	(quartermaster)
Transport	First Lt.	Captain	Major	(transportation)
Communications	First Lt.	Captain	Major	(engineer)
Information	First Lt.	Captain	Major	(signal corps)
Chaplain	First Lt.	Captain	Major	(chaplain)
Treasurer	First Lt.	Captain	Major	(finance)

The Command structure shall be made up of commissioned officers elected, whenever possible, others may be appointed according to necessary skills required to perform duties needed (subject to impeachment for lawful reasons). Rank is associated with the office held. Once a person no longer holds a position, they no longer hold the rank of the vacated position. A person may only hold a maximum of one position at each level (state, division and brigade) unless there is no one else qualified for the position or no interest. Corresponding Army Officer Pins are worn on wearer's left collar and rank on wearer's right collar.

Levels of readiness and abilities are set into qualification levels as follows.

<b>Qualification Level</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Specialist</b>	<b>Badge</b>
One	Private	Sharp Shooter 1	Marksmanship
Two	Corporal	Sharp Shooter 2	Sharp Shooter
Three/Squad Leader	Sergeant	Recon 1	Warrant Officer
		Recon 2	Chief Warrant Officer

(For qualification requirements please see MMCW Qualifications)

Only the subdued versions of all officer, rank, qualification pins/badges are to be worn.

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### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Citizens, or those residents who have declared an intent to become citizens, who reside within Michigan, who are capable of bearing arms, may join the Michigan Militia Corps, Wolverines (MMCW) as members by fulfilling the following requirements:

1. **Age:** the minimum age for service in the MMCW is 18 years, or 12 with parental/guardianship supervision.
2. **Probation:** Each new/rejoining person/brigade will go through a 90 day probationary period to establish for themselves if this is what they want to do and to start acquiring their Level One gear. After probationary time a person is considered 'Active'. Each brigade will have to have a minimum of 3 members, in addition to the probationary period, to be considered 'Active'. Until such time those member will be partner with an adjacent brigade.
3. **Member Information:** Members will complete their membership process by completing a "Militia Member Info" sheet with their brigade.
4. **Rules and Regulations :** A copy of these rules and regulation along with a check list for Level One will be provided to the new member.
5. **Oath:** After probationary time has been fulfilled each member must take the militia member oath contained in these rules and regulations.

### **UNIFORMS:**

- Any military camouflage pattern (foreign or domestic). This is to include matching set of pants, blouse, and hat/head gear. Field headgear is matching boonie style hat for warm weather or brown beanie for cold weather. A brown ball cap with hook and loop patch on front or brown beanie for non-FTX events.
- Boots of some sort whether combat boots and hiking boots. No steel-toed boots of any kind or cowboy boots.

### **PATCH PLACEMENT:**

MMCW standards are as follows: "Last name" above wearer's right breast pocket, "M.M.C.W." above wearers left breast pocket, a Michigan State flag (in subdued/OD green pattern) on wearer's right shoulder, qualification nametape(s) under State flag on wearer's right shoulder. Any specialist qualification badge is worn on wearer's left breast pocket flap. Division and brigade patches on wearer's left shoulder.

### **LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY OF PERSONS ELECTED DURING PEACE TIME:**

1) ALL AUTHORITY WITHIN THE MMCW RESTS WITH THE BODY OF ITS MEMBERS. AS PRESENTED TO THE BODY BY THE BRIGADE COMMANDERS, AND AUTHORITY FLOWS FROM THE BOTTOM UP.

2) The delegated authority of Division Commanders and State Command, is limited to the collection and distribution of information.

3) Neither Division Command or State Command have the authority to suspend or dismiss any brigade member, brigade commander or Division commander, for any reason, without court-martial and opportunity for said member to defend against charges brought by two witnesses.

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- 4) Division Officers serve as administrative Liaison and serve as the public affairs officers of the division.
- 5) Divisional Commander can appoint a contact person within a county that does not have a brigade, with the stipulation that that person will be approved by a majority of active Brigades in his or her Division.
- 6) Any rule or “law” that is to go forth throughout the organization will be put in writing, including changes to this manual. The directive will then be sent to all active Brigades for review. Their ideas, comments and suggestions will be reviewed and taken into consideration. It will become official only after review at the brigade level and approved by at least 75% of the active Brigades.

### **AUTHORITY OF PERSONS DURING WAR TIME:**

- 1) Unlike peacetime during war time all authority flows from the top down. From State Commander to Division CO's to Brigade CO's and downward.
- 2) Division Command and State Command have the authority, during wartime, to suspend or dismiss any brigade member, Brigade Commander or Division Commander, for reasons that may be found in the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/ucmj.htm>, without court-martial temporarily, until such time as a court-martial can be convened, where the opportunity for said member to defend against charges brought by two witnesses can be taken.
- 3) Division Officers serve as staff to the State commander. They also serve as administrative Liaison and serve as the public affairs officers of the division.
- 4) Divisional Commanders can appoint a contact person within a county that does not have a brigade, with the stipulation that that person will be approved by a majority of active Brigades in his or her Division.
- 5) Any rule or “law” that is to go forth throughout the organization will be put in writing, including changes to this manual. The directive will then be sent to all active Brigades for review. Their ideas, comments and suggestions will be reviewed and taken into consideration. It will become official only after review at the brigade level and approved by at least 75% of the active Brigades.

### **METHOD AND FREQUENCY OF STATE ELECTIONS AND DUTY TO ATTEND:**

- 1) Once per year meeting shall be held for election of State Command, date for elections is the 4<sup>th</sup> (fourth) Saturday in April.
  - A. Nomination will be taken January 1<sup>st</sup> (first) through February 28<sup>th</sup> (twenty-eighth). No nomination will be accepted after February 28<sup>th</sup> (twenty-eighth).
  - B. All brigade commanders must be notified of place and date of election 90 days prior to election.
  - C. Once nominees accept a nomination they are duty bound to not withdraw their name from consideration after the nomination period, except for serious illness or other serious matters.
- 2) Division Commanders can call other meetings. Brigade Commanders could call State meetings. Initial meeting to be held with 20 percent of brigades necessary to affect state meeting. There shall be no less than 4 (four) state meetings per year. Need for issues at Brigade level to be heard at State level.
- 3) Failure to attend State meeting for election or to send appropriate proxy, constitutes withdrawal or resignation by that brigade. That brigade will be required to go through the 90 day probationary time to vote in issues at the division and state level if they wish to rejoin the MMCW.

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4) In the event a state commander is to be brought up to a vote of no confidence, all militia brigade commanders are to be notified and be present at that meeting, ready with nominations should a vote of no confidence carry. A vote of 2/3 of active brigades needed to carry out a vote of no confidence.

### **Eligibility Requirements for State C.O. and X.O. nominees**

- 1) Served as an MMCW Division Commander, Division Executive Officer or State Command Staff for at least one (1) year, and;
- 2) Have served as an MMCW Brigade Commander or Brigade Executive Officer, for at least one (1) year, and;
- 3) Have been a commissioned officer in the MMCW for at least three (3) years, and;
- 4) Have been an enrolled member in good standing, of the MMCW for at least four (4) years, or have equivalent training and experience.
- 5) Nominees for State Commander and State Executive Officer can not be from the same county/brigade or be related (i.e. Parent/child, siblings).
- 6) Have a working knowledge of MMCW Manual/Bylaws.
- 7) Must be at least level 1 (one) qualified.

### **Responsibilities of State C.O. and X.O.**

- 1) To decide on MMCW objectives.
- 2) To assess MMCW needs and compare those needs with actual available resources.
- 3) To assign responsibilities and goals to State Command Staff.
- 4) To deal with the press and civil authority, set press policy and ensure that the MMCW speaks with one voice.
- 5) To establish and maintain security and intelligence procedures.
- 6) To establish and maintain communications between State Command and Division Commands.
- 7) To organize logistics and administrative services.
- 8) To institute leadership training and educational programs required for promotion, qualification and advancement within the MMCW.
- 9) To encourage responsible recruiting.
- 10) Follow MMCW Manual/Bylaws and enforce them.
- 11) To coordinate with the MMCW auxiliary groups and other civilian groups statewide, establish working relationships and parameters.

### **METHOD AND FREQUENCY OF DIVISION ELECTIONS AND DUTY TO ATTEND:**

1) Once per year meeting shall be held for election of Division commander, date for elections is the 4<sup>th</sup> (fourth) Saturday in March.

- A. Nomination will be taken January 1<sup>st</sup> (first) through February 28<sup>th</sup> (twenty-eighth). No nomination will be accepted after February 28<sup>th</sup> (twenty-eighth).
- B. All brigade commanders must be notified of place and date of election 60 days prior to election.
- C. Once nominees accept a nomination they are duty bound to not withdraw their name from Consideration after the nomination period, except for serious illness or other serious matters.

2) Division Commanders can call other meetings. Brigade Commanders could call Division meetings. Initial meeting to be held with 20 percent of brigades necessary to affect Division meeting. There shall be no less than 6 (six) division meetings per year. Need for issues at Brigade level to be heard at Division level.



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3) Failure to attend Division meeting for election or to send appropriate proxy, constitutes withdrawal or resignation by that brigade. That brigade will have to wait their 90 days of probation to vote in issues at the division and state level if they wish to rejoin the MMCW.

4) In the event a division commander is to be brought up to a vote of no confidence, all militia brigade commanders for that division are to be notified and be present at that meeting, ready with nominations should a vote of no confidence carry. A vote of 2/3 of active brigades needed to carry out a vote of no confidence.

### **Eligibility Requirements for Division C.O. and X.O. nominees**

- 1) Three (3) years service in the militia as a member in good standing.
- 2) Two (2) years service as a commissioned officer in the militia in good standing.
- 3) One (1) year of service as a Brigade Commander, Brigade Executive Officer, or Division X.O. in good standing.
- 4) Have a working knowledge of MMCW Manual/Bylaws.
- 5) Nominees for Division C.O. and Division X.O. can not be from the same county/brigade or be related (i.e. Parent/child, siblings)
- 6) Must be at least level 1 (one) qualified.

### **Responsibilities of Division C.O. and X.O.**

- 1) Establish and maintain division goals.
- 2) Assess division needs and compare those needs with resources available within the division.
- 3) Organize a qualified Division Command Staff of qualified officers and assign duties and responsibilities.
- 4) Establish and maintain good working relations with the Brigades comprising the division, the other active Divisions and State Command.
- 5) Establish Division security, intelligence and communications procedures.
- 6) Establish and maintain training and educational program for the Division.
- 7) Encourage responsible recruiting.
- 8) Assist in organizing structured, well-regulated, disciplined Brigades in each county.
- 9) Follow MMCW Manual/Bylaws and enforce them.
- 10) Serve either personally or appoint a qualified officer from the Division to serve as Acting Commander of those counties in which there are no qualified officers until adequate personnel can be recruited and trained.

### **METHOD AND FREQUENCY OF BRIGADE ELECTIONS AND DUTY TO ATTEND:**

1) Once per year meeting shall be held for election of Brigade commander, date for elections is the 4<sup>th</sup> (fourth) Saturday in February.

- A. Nomination will be taken January 1<sup>st</sup> (first) through the 31<sup>st</sup> (thirty-first). No nomination will be accepted after January 31<sup>st</sup> (thirty-first).
- B. All brigade members must be notified of place and date of election 30 days prior to election.
- C. Once nominees accept a nomination they are duty bound to not withdraw their name from consideration after the nomination period, except for serious illness or other serious matters.

2) Failure to attend Brigade meeting for election or to send appropriate proxy constitutes withdrawal or resignation by that brigade member.

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3) There shall be no less than 12 (twelve) brigade meetings per year.

### **Eligibility Requirements for new Brigade C.O. and X.O. nominees**

- 1) Must have a minimum of two (2) years active militia service in good standing.
- 2) Must have a minimum of one (1) year of service as a commissioned officer in the militia or equivalent training and experience.
- 3) Must be approved by a simple majority of the active members of the Brigade.
- 4) Must be approved by the Division Commander.
- 5) Nominees for Brigade C.O. and Brigade X.O. can not be related (i.e. Parent/child, siblings) unless there are less than 10 (ten) active members in that brigade.
- 6) Have a working knowledge of MMCW Manual/Bylaws.
- 7) Must be at least level 1 (one) qualified.

### **Responsibilities of Brigade C.O. and X.O.**

- 1) Establish Brigade goals and objectives.
- 2) Assess Brigade needs and compare with available resources.
- 3) Establish and maintain a working relationship with contiguous active Brigades, with Division Command and with State Command.
- 4) Organize supply, logistical and administrative services.
- 5) Establish and maintain unit training, educational and leadership programs.
- 6) Establish contact with county Sheriffs and local governments.
- 7) Follow MMCW Manual/Bylaws and enforce them.

### **WEAPONS:**

The basic weapon of the brigade member shall be the rifle. It shall be required of all militia members who are not otherwise opposed for conscience sake under Laws of Nations to have his or her own rifle, ammunition, knife and knapsack, thus outfitted, will be kept available at all times for rapid deployment by the militia member.

Only when ordered, shall members of the brigade carry concealed firearms during brigade operations; as such constitutes a violation of the Laws of War: i.e. carry weapons openly on approach of enemy army FM27- 10.

Militia members are expected to carry military style firearms when attending militia duties. The standard rifle of the MMCW is the AK-47 in semi-auto format. Acceptable alternates are the AR-15, SKS, AK-74, Mini-30, or Mini-14. Preferred calibers are the 7.62x39, .223 or 5.45x39 for your MBR (Main battle rifle). Handgun standard is the 9mm. Acceptable alternates are the .45 and .40. For high caliber rifles the standard is the 7.62x54R, .308, and the 30-06. Other military style rifles and handguns are accepted in bolt-action or semi-auto but not recommended.

Only in self defense, or during training exercises, shall a militia member discharge his or her rifle.

All militia members will be required to take an oath contained in this manual, to uphold the Constitution for these united States and to protect it from all enemies without reservation and with the clear understanding that the unalienable rights of all shall be protected without qualification.

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### **TRAINING:**

Training is an important part of being in the militia. A person without adequate training puts the unit at risk. Therefore, there will be four state training sessions a year, one in each season. It is required that militia members attend at least two of the four training sessions. The training sessions should alternate in different areas of the state, if possible, so no brigade should have to consistently have to travel a long distance. A schedule of training dates shall be disseminated at least 90 days prior to the event. Each brigade will also have monthly trainings. There will also be division training sessions once a quarter. These shall not interfere with state training sessions.

### **MMCW INTERNET WEB SITE:**

In order to have MMCW information available to the members and the public, in a timely manner, it is necessary that the MMCW have its own website for the public and online forum for its members controlled by the MMCW. Each Brigade and Division is advised to have their own website, which will be linked to and from the MMCW state website. The site may contain information on current events; letters to the "editor"; training schedules; links to militia related sites which may contain sites where militia items may be purchased. Inappropriate content would consist of anything degrading to the female sex; any anti-religious content; any profound/or any racial content.

### **REQUIREMENTS OF ALL COMMANDERS:**

The person nominated for a position of commander, whether State, Division or Brigade should have the skills required for the job. The commander must have access to email, internet, phone and text as this is a necessary means of quick communication within the Corps. The email should be able to accept attachments. If the nominee feels that he/she doesn't need or want email, calls or texts than he/she should consider not running for the position as quick and efficient communication is vital in these days of fast moving events. The Corps needs to be able keep in touch with all commanders to keep them up to date on fast breaking news.

### **FUNDING:**

As with any organization it incurs expenses. So as not to put a large burden on a few people it is only fair that the burden should be spread out evenly. Each brigade shall be assessed \$5.00 a month. It will be up to the brigade commander to send in the dues to the State Financial Officer. These funds will be used for purchases that contribute to the MMCW as a whole (i.e. state website, long range communication equipment, etc.). Expenditures will be approved at state meetings with a minimum of 75% of the brigade's approval.

### **MILITIA MEMBER OATH:**

#### *Noncommissioned Members:*

"I (name) do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution for "The state of Michigan" and for these united States of America against all enemies, both foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of those appointed over me, for conscience sake; So Help Me God."

#### *Commissioned Officers:*

"I, (name), having been appointed an officer in the Michigan Militia Corps Wolverines, in the grade of (grade), do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution for "The state of Michigan" and for these united States of America against all enemies, both foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, So Help Me God.

## **MANUAL/BYLAWS FOR THE MICHIGAN MILITIA CORPS, WOLVERINES - continued**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT:**

- 1) I am an American serving with the citizen militia that guards my homeland, our Constitution, and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.
- 2) I will never surrender of my own free will, if in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they have the means to resist.
- 3) If am captured, I will continue to resist by all means possible. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.
- 4) If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoner. I will give no information or take part in any action that might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.
- 5) When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am bound to give only name, rank and date of birth. I will make no oral or written statement disloyal to my beloved homeland and its citizens or harmful to their continued struggle for liberty and freedom as prescribed in the Constitution for these united States.
- 6) In all cases, I shall endeavor to instruct and to inform members of organized militia units, seeking to persuade them to join the Patriot struggle; urging them for justice and conscience- Sake to return America to the Constitutional Republic our forefathers envisioned.
- 7) I will never forget that I am an American, a citizen of the greatest nation on earth, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will place my trust in Almighty God, the united States of America, and the goodness of her people.

### **MILITIA PRAYER:**

O God, our Father, The Searcher of men's hearts, help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth. May our personal faith in Thee be filled with gladness and may our worship of Thee be natural and pure.

Strengthen and increase our admiration for honest dealing and clean thinking, and suffer not our hatred of hypocrisy and pretense ever to diminish. Encourage us in our endeavor to make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never be content with a half-truth when the whole can be won. Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble, honorable and worthy; that scorns to compromise with vise and injustice and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy. Guide our new ties of friendship and new opportunities of service. Kindle our hearts in fellowship with those of a cheerful countenance and soften our hearts with sympathy for those who sorrow and suffer. Help us to maintain the honor of the Michigan Militia Corps Wolverines untarnished and unsullied, and to show forth in our lives the ideals of this nation's Constitution in doing our duty to Thee and to our fellow citizens. All of which we humbly ask in the Name of our Lord, our Great Friend and Defender, and Master of men. Amen.