

**LENAWEE VOLUNTEER MICHIGAN MILITIA**  
**(20<sup>TH</sup> BRIGADE, 8<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION, M.M.C.W.)**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
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**CHAPTER I: MISSION AND GOALS**

**MISSION:**

The members of the Lenawee Volunteer Michigan Militia shall ever stand, as have our Forefathers before us, first to our Creator, from whom we acknowledge the authority of all Rights, and all the blessings of governments and to our native soil, Michigan. We therefore pledge:

To promote and defend the unalienable God-given rights of all citizens, regardless of race, sex, religion (or lack thereof) or national origin, as is expressed in the Constitution of the State of Michigan and the Constitution of the united States of America.

That the integrity of the courts, be they local, state or federal, shall remain uncontestable providing that they shall respect and uphold the rights of the citizens of Michigan, including but not limited to, upholding the due process of law, and to preserve the right of trial by jury and to obtain immediate judicial review of cases wherein abuse of basic Constitutional rights are questioned.

That government being instituted for the common benefit, the doctrine of nonresistance against arbitrary power is absurd, slavish, and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind.

That all just government is servant of the people who have instituted it, that the people of Michigan should never by force nor coercion be obliged to anything styled as "law" which has not been promulgated by their duly elected representatives, nor any as may be promulgated by them to bear conflict to the rights of the people, so that no government shall be made master of the people of Michigan.

To promote and propagate the Lenawee Volunteer Michigan Militia as a well regulated (trained and prepared) organization, knowledgeable in historical precedent and current affairs, that is composed of common citizens.

To develop a cohesive and competent command structure.

To train our members in the many disciplines necessary to the function of the militia as a whole and to the members individually.

To educate our members in areas of history, law and principle as compiled in the experience and records of our forefathers.

To keep informed our members and all citizens of local, state, national and global events that threaten to imperil our traditional Constitutional rights, or such as may imperil the sovereignty of our nation by the undue influence of those who have forsaken their loyalty to our nation, and to the principles upon which it was founded.

To repel foreign aggression and invasions, by preparing and training for defense and by our encouraging and showing reason why all citizens should stand stoutly against socialism, fascism, communism, humanism, and all forms of tyranny.

To suppress domestic insurrections and violence, by supporting and assisting the appropriate officers of the law in upholding and maintaining law and order in accordance with such local, state, and federal statutes and laws that do not present jeopardy to our God given rights as acknowledged in the Constitution of the State of Michigan and the Constitution of the united States of America.

## **GOALS:**

It shall be the goal of the Lenawee Volunteer Michigan Militia to:

1. Present itself to the inhabitants/Citizens of this county/state 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 Republic form of government, our way of life, 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 our Creator as we submit to Him/Her to do His/Her will in protecting the liberty and freedom that He/She has given to all.

## **CHAPTER II: COMMAND STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION**

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

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

1. **Age:** the minimum age for service in the LVMM is 18 years, or 12 with parental/guardianship supervision.
2. **Probation:** Each new member 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.
3. **Member Information:** Members will complete their membership process by completing a "Militia Member Info" sheet.
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.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Our fiscal year runs from March first (1<sup>st</sup>) through February twenty-eighth (28<sup>th</sup>).

1. **Regular members:** Attend a minimum of 4 meetings, 4 firearms trainings, and 4 non-firearms trainings per fiscal year.
2. **Qualified Level One members:** Attend a minimum of 6 meetings, 6 firearms trainings, and 6 non-firearms trainings per fiscal year.
3. **Qualified Level Two and Three members:** Attend a minimum of 9 meetings, 9 firearms trainings, and 9 non-firearms trainings per fiscal year.
4. **Officers:** Attend a minimum of 9 meetings, 9 firearms trainings, and 9 non-firearms trainings per fiscal year.

## **VOTING STATUS:**

Members gain voting status upon fulfillment of all the requirements of Level One qualifications (as defined by LVMM) within a 60 day period. Demonstration of equipment and abilities must be witnessed by two (2) LVMM voting members. Or fulfillment of the LVMM Field Support criteria, to be determined by LVMM staff and voted upon by the membership.

To maintain voting status, all members must re-qualify for Level One, or higher, or Field Support requirements on a calendar year basis. On completion of the requirements (all within a 60 day period) a member is entitled to vote for the next 12 months. A person who has not completed Level One or Field Support requirements will still be encouraged to participate in militia activities. They simply will not be able to vote on any LVMM issues that arise. You are all members of the unorganized militia, whether you like it or not, but to vote within the LVMM, you need to demonstrate ability and equipment.

## **OFFICERS:**

The Command structure shall be made up of commissioned officers elected. 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. The following positions have been established for LVMM. As time and resources permit, positions may be added to this list.

- Commanding Officer (C.O.)
- Executive Officer (X.O.)
- Medical Officer (M.O.)
- Financial Officer (F.O.)

Officers may be voted out of their position for incompetence or blatant disobedience of the Rules and Regulations with a 75% vote of voting members, also for failure to meet attendance requirements or job requirements in a reasonable amount of time. If any position becomes vacant it will be filled at the next monthly meeting. If there is less than six months remaining before annual elections the position will be filled by an appointee by the Brigade Commander. If more than six months remain then the position will be voted upon by the voting members of the brigade. If the C.O. position becomes vacant, the X.O. will take the Commanding Officer position until the next annual election.

## **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.

Monthly meetings are necessary and shall be called to achieve the overall goals of the militia unit. Members must discipline themselves to set aside time for such meetings. The monthly meeting will be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, unless that date happens to end up on a holiday then it will be on the previous Saturday.

All militia members will be required to provide information about them in order that their experience and background can be best utilized by completing a “militia member info” sheet. Information provided shall be kept confidential and shall be used only for the functioning of the brigade.

In order to achieve those goals, a command structure made up of a Commander and Command Staff be created. The organization shall be structured as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Brigade</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>State</b>
Commander	Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel	Brigadier General
Executive Officer	Major	Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel
Administrative Officer			Colonel
Intelligence	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major
Ground Ops	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major
Air Ops	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major
Operations	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major
Special Ops/Safety	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major
Security	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major
Medic	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major
Training	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major
Supply	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major
Transport	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major
Communications	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major
Information	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major
Chaplain	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major
Treasurer	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major

<b>Qualification Level</b>	<b>Rank</b>
One	Private
Two	Corporal
Three/Squad Leader	Sergeant

**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> Saturday in February.

- A. Nomination will be taken January 1<sup>st</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>. No nomination will be accepted after January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- B. All brigade members must be notified of place and date of election 30 days prior to election.
- C. All members who have completed their probationary time have voting right for Officers and can also be nominated for any position that that member qualifies for.
- D. 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.*

**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 two training sessions a month, one firearms and one non-firearms training. A schedule of training dates shall be posted on the brigade website prior to the event and each member will be given a copy of the scheduled events for the current year. There will also be division and state training sessions once a quarter.

## **CHAPTER III: FUNDING/DUES**

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 member shall be assessed \$5.00 a month. At each meeting an accounting will be given by the treasurer. The expenditures of these monies will be voted on and approved by the members. Any person more than three (3) months behind must pay their own share to participate in any event that such monies helped pay for.

### **Financial Officer**

The person must be of exemplary reputation as he is handling the funds of the unit. He/She will be in charge of the financial records keeping of the LVMM. He/She will give monthly account balances at the public meetings.

## **CHAPTER IV: CONDUCT**

Militia members are highly encouraged to live exemplary lives as outlined in the LVMM Code of Conduct and the laws of the State of Michigan. Blatant violation of the law places the legitimacy of the brigade at risk. Just one member can jeopardize the Civilian militia by illegal acts when those wishing to discredit us look for such opportunity.

Therefore, in order to protect the body as a whole, militia members will be subject to a court martial made up of the Command Staff convened to hear the facts of the case before it. Members may stand trial for such acts that would discredit the LVMM or place the brigade at risk. The accused will stand in his/her own defense. No charge will be brought to court martial unless supported by at least two witnesses. The maximum penalty for any offense will be permanent dismissal from the militia. After counsel the convened Command Staff will vote on action.

Any militia members may voluntarily withdraw from the militia at any time without prejudice for conscience sake. 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 appeal afterward.

The LVMM shall support and obey all laws that do not conflict with the Constitution of the State or the United States. 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 LVMM training, meeting, or other event. Anyone found to have, or suspected of having, any of the previously mentioned items on their person or in their system (minimum of 12 hours for alcohol and 24 for illegal drugs) will be asked to leave the training, meeting, or event. If you refuse you will be removed by force, if necessary.

## **CHAPTER V: UNIFORMS AND PATCHES**

### **UNIFORMS**

- US Military style BDU's (Battle Dress Uniform) or ACU's (Army Combat Uniform) in the woodland or multicam camouflage pattern. This is to include Pants, Blouse, and Boonie hat.
- Boots of some sort whether combat boots and hiking boots. No steel-toed boots of any kind or cowboy boots.

### **PATCH PLACEMENT**

LVMM standards of "last name" above wearers right breast pocket, "M.M.C.W." above wearers left breast pocket, and "Michigan State flag" (in subdued, woodland or multicam pattern) on wearers right shoulder. "8<sup>TH</sup> DIV." and "20<sup>th</sup> BDE.", Division patch is placed above brigade patch on wearers left shoulder.

## **CHAPTER VI: MISC.**

### **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, knapsack, etc. 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 normally expected to carry military style firearms when attending militia duties. Only in self-defense or for training purposes shall a militia member discharge his/her rifle except when ordered to do so.

All militia members will be required to take an oath contained in this manual, to uphold the Constitution for these united States and the State of Michigan 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.

### **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.”

### **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 I 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 my Creator, the united States of America, and the goodness of her people.