RULES AND REGULATIONS

CALIFORNIA STATE MILITIA
AND LICENSED MILITARY COMPANIES

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To the Patriotic Citizen of California:

Our Nation is engaged in a life and death struggle against the aggression of a powerful combination of enemies set out to conquer the world. Never before has our National security been so endangered as it is now and never before have the peaceful people of California had greater cause for alarm concerning their own lives and freedom. The President of the United States has called upon all citizens to contribute their utmost to the National war effort.

The State of California is particularly vulnerable to attack because of its geographical position and because of its resources, its industries, its wealth and its importance in the affairs of the Nation. Military authorities have stated that attack upon us may be anticipated at any time.

In order that this, our State, may be more fully protected, I call upon patriotic men between the ages of 16 and 65 years to volunteer for military training and service in the State Militia. Particularly do I call upon the men and boys from the farms and ranches of the State who are possessed of hunting rifles and shotguns and who are skilled as marksmen. It is our purpose to organize these volunteers into local squads and companies and to use them only in the protection of their own homes and communities. I do hereby pledge and promise that in no event will this volunteer militia be called by me or for active duty away from the county in which they are enrolled and that they will be used only in the event of enemy attack or invasion. It will be necessary, as long as they are enrolled in the State Militia, to supply their own rifles and ammunition and to purchase a simple uniform for their own use. The men and officers of this activated State Militia will remain upon their own time and without compensation.

In order to provide a method of call, enlistment and organization of the State Militia, I have authorized the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of California to act as a recruiting and enrolling agency throughout the several counties of the State. Our State University has accepted this responsibility as a patriotic service in a time of National crisis.

It is my hope that a large number of the men and boys throughout the rural areas of our State may see in this new military organization an opportunity for service of a high order and that they will prove a bulwark to the homes and lives of the people of our State against the horrors of enemy invasion.

Culbert Olson
Governor of California
BRIEF HISTORY OF MILITIA

The use of Militia in home defense is nothing new in the history of the Nation.

Early American settlers united to defend their homes from attacks by hostile Indians. During the war of Colonial days organizations of Militia men were formed in every community for purposes of mutual defense. At the signal of danger the Militia, dropped their work and promptly responded to the call to the colors.

Later long trains of covered wagons bearing thousands of settlers crossed the plains to settle the West and again military defense protected them from hostile forces.

It is from these sturdy men and their Militia organizations that the present State Militia springs; a traditional enforcement of the desire to protect family and home; to organize for the possible fight in the protection of these homes and for the preservation of human freedom.

There is today a job to do and the California State Militia is organized to do that job just as our forefathers did in the Revolutionary War, and during the hazardous crossing of the plains that these great United States be further expanded, settled and become the great Western States of which California is the most important.

From the farms, the stores, the shops, the factories and professional offices came the men who comprise the California State Militia; California's last line of defense and for use only at home and only in event of an actual invasion. It is but a repeated effort on the part of California's Governor to insure a full and complete protection through utilization of the State's vast reservoir of civilian manpower and looking toward the day when discipline and military drill, training in the use of firearms, might prove the deciding factors in the future fate of our State and of our Nation.

The Militia is strictly nonpolitical, nonsectarian, and nonprofit. Militiamen will serve as volunteers without pay and furnish their own uniforms, arms and ammunition. Members will be citizens of the United States or nationals of one of the United Nations.

Militiamen definitely will not be used for guard or patrol duty or used outside their own county. Each number will be investigated to prove he is a good citizen. They will not be a private Army or collection groups of men running around loose, with guns. They will not be irregular soldiers or "guerrillas" but will be strictly uniformed soldiers, organized into licensed military units which can be called to duty only in case of an invasion.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE MILITIA

I. GENERAL

1. Pursuant to authority contained in the Statutes and Amendments to the California Codes, Extra Legislative Session, 1913, Chapter 129, approved March 9, 1911, the Governor of the State of California is authorized to issue licenses to bodies of men to organize, drill and bear arms as military companies or organizations, and further provides for their control under the following regulation herewith published.

2. The Governor shall have power to issue licenses to bodies of men to organize, drill and bear arms as military companies or organizations; provided:

(a) Each licensed military company shall file with the Adjutant General, at such time as the Governor designates, a muster roll of such military company certified by the oath of the commanding officer thereof. The muster roll shall contain the names, ages, occupations, and places of residence of all members thereof, and the number and character of all arms in the possession of such organization.

(b) Each licensed military company shall appear for inspection by the Adjutant General or by a military inspector designated by the Governor, at least once a year, at such time as the Governor designates.

(c) Each member of such military company shall take and subscribe to an oath that he will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this State and will obey and maintain all laws and all officers employed in administering the same. This is to be done following organization of the company and after the records have been turned over to the proper officers.

II. ORGANIZATION

1. Licensed military companies shall be organized in accordance with Tables of Organization, prescribed by the Adjutant General.

III. OFFICERS

1. All officers shall be citizens of the United States or nationals of the United Nations, and shall be selected by their respective units for commission by the Governor. Officers above the rank of captain shall be passed upon by a board of three officers.

2. Such boards for the examination of officers for appointment or promotion shall consist of three officers, who shall, when practicable, be prior to the candidate being examined, and shall be appointed by the Adjutant General. In making recommendations for commissions, boards will give due weight to the moral character of the candidate as well as to his reputation and integrity in his community.

3. All officers shall take an oath of office and when these are completed they will be filed in the office of The Adjutant General.

4. Commissioned officers shall provide themselves with the arms and uniforms prescribed and approved by the Governor.
5. The commission of an officer shall be vacated by death, by acceptance by proper authority of resignation, by discharge on account of inefficiency, for physical disqualification, when dropped from the rolls for an absence without leave for three months.
6. An officer desiring to resign shall submit his resignation to the Governor, whose acceptance thereof shall be final.

IV. ENLISTED MEN
1. Enlisted men of a licensed military company shall be between the ages of 16 and 63 and must be citizens of the United States or nationals of the United Nations.
2. Every person who enlist shall sign an enlistment card. Each individual so enlisted shall have the right to withdraw from the organization by giving written notice to his unit commander.
3. Each enlisted man shall provide himself with an inexpensive uniform which will be prescribed and approved by the Governor, and shall keep such uniform in good condition.
4. The separation from the service of an enlisted man of a licensed military company is effected by discharge, withdrawal or death.
5. The following shall be cause for discharge:
   (a) Requisition term of service.
   (b) Acceptance of a commission.
   (c) To enter in any Federal armed force.
   (d) Discontinuance of his residence.
   (e) Change of residence.
   (f) Inability to maintain.
   (g) Action of civil court.
   (h) Draft into service of the United States.
   (i) Any other reason which the Governor deems adequate and satisfactory to the best interests of the State.
   (j) Business or education interference.

V. REPORTS AND RETURNS
1. Enlistment records shall be prepared and typed copies of the original will be kept with the records of the unit to which the individual belongs. The original enlistment record shall be filed with The Adjutant General. Upon termination of service, the duplicate card and any other service record shall be completed and forwarded through channels to The Adjutant General.
2. When a licensed military company is to be mustered into the service an initial roster shall be prepared as prescribed by The Adjutant General. The original shall be given to the commanding officer, who shall forward it, together with a report of his inspection in letter form, to The Adjutant General. The duplicates will be retained in the company files.
3. Each licensed military company will prepare and submit to The Adjutant General a periodic report. This report shall include subjects covered during the drill period and statistical report of officers and enlisted men present and absent.
4. When a company is mustered out, a final roster shall be forwarded to The Adjutant General.

VI. TRAINING
1. The men and officers of the licensed State Militia will train upon their own time and without compensation. The members of unit organizations will themselves determine that, place and frequency of organization and training sessions. A certain amount of training is essential and will be prescribed.
2. Yield manual FM 22-3 will be used for basic training. Special instruction in observation, sizing, and counting will be given by instructors furnished by The Adjutant General's office.
3. Additional instructions covering miscellaneous training and minor field exercises will come from time to time from Headquarters California State Militia.

SECTION VII. UNIFORM
1. Officers:
   - Pants and shirt—mantar khaki
   - Belt—with khaki, plain buckle
   - Tie—black
   - Shoes—gray
   - Jacket—field
   - Hat—cotton
   - Overcoats
   - Helmet—field

   Insignia:
   - (i) Insignia demoting rank, or grade, in or out of service, will be the same authorized for the United States Army.
   - (ii) Other insignia will be marked Gothic letters "C. & M." 1.6 inches, and insignia demoting rank or service.
   - (iii) Service belt of navy blue linen, one inch wide, will be worn on shirt and field jackets.
   - (iv) Shoulder epaulets, shaped, 2.5 inches high, 1.5 inches wide at base. Golden Braid at top; initials C. M. at base. To be worn on shirts and jackets.
   - (v) Shoulder tabs (or escutcheons) will be Navy Blue.

2. Enlisted Men: The uniform will be the same as prescribed for officers, except insignia denoting rank of commissioned officers and sleeve braid will not be worn by enlisted men.

3. Insignia indicating connection with Federal or other State forces is prohibited for members of the California State Militia while such members are serving as State Militia.
# TABLES OF ORGANIZATION

## CALIFORNIA STATE MILITIA

### Application Form

As a patriotic duty in this time of war, and in a desire to help protect my home and the community in which I live, I hereby apply for admission to the Militia of the State of California and do hereby enroll as a private in said Militia.

Provided, it is hereby understood and agreed that I hereby enroll and agree that in the event of an enemy attack by land or air or both upon the State of California and that in such event my service will be obligatory only within the confines of the county in which I am enrolled.

Provided, further, that at the conclusion of this war, as determined by proclamation of the Government of the United States, my enlistment shall automatically expire.

As part of the terms of the acceptance of my enlistment, it is agreed and understood that I am proficient in the use of or possession of a serviceable firearm and ammunition which I will use at my own expense in my service in the State Militia and that, further, I will purchase at my own expense a simple and suitable uniform—of a type and kind later to be prescribed—which I will wear when engaged upon military duties in the State Militia.

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### Table 1: Sample Table of a Rifle Company Organization

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### Table 2: Ratio of officers to privates

- 1 officer per 2 privates.
- 1 officer per 1 privates.

Motorcycle privates may be attached to motorized companies.
1. Q. What constitutes invasion?
   A. The employment of a hostile military force in California.

2. Q. Is there any provision for State liability for a member of the State Militia?
   A. No liability is assumed for the State Militia members by the State of California.

3. Q. Will State armories be available for Militia training purposes?
   A. Yes, when facilities are not used by Federal troops.

4. Q. Will rifle ranges be available for Militia training purposes?
   A. Yes. A list of available ranges will be furnished on request.

5. Q. May existing groups already organized be included in the State Militia and be licensed as military companies?
   A. Yes. Individually or collectively except members of the California State Guard.

   1. The California State Guard, active and reserve, constitutes a regularly organized military force with special military duties.
      a. The active force of the State Guard is subject for duty any place within the State. It is mobile and its duties are several.
      b. The reserve force of the State Guard is immobile and may be used to train replacements for the active duty State Guard.

2. All members of sheriffs' posses, civilian defense works, etc., may become members of the Militia without interfering with their other duties. The training will be extremely valuable, and in case of emergency all men will be used where their training and ability best fits them.

6. Q. For what purposes may the Militia be used?
   A. The Militia and licensed military companies will be called for combatant duty only in case of invasion and then to their immediate vicinity and within the boundaries of the county in which they are enrolled. The Militia and licensed military companies will not be called for guard duty or to suppress civil strife or strike.

CALIFORNIA STATE MILITIA

Information Form

Name: ______________ Address: ______________ Phone: ______________
Date of birth: ______________ Place of birth: ______________ Citizen: ______________
Color of eyes: ______________ Color of hair: ______________ Height: ______________
Distinguishing marks: ______________
Enrolled in unit No: ______________ Headquarters: ______________
Rank (dates of birth): ______________
Rifle Available: ______________ Make: ______________ Rounds of ammunition: ______________
Prior military experience (if any): ______________
Occupation, and other personal details: ______________

This Certificate That

is a member of ____________________________

CALIFORNIA STATE MILITIA

Commanding

Member's Signature