



Local Art Militia -Basic Guidelines

1.

STARTING UP A UNIT

The first requirement for the formation of a new unit is minimum one volunteer.

The name of the newly founded unit should reflect the local origins in some way. Founding a company, regiment or brigade does not mean that one need to have to have recruited that many from the start, but the size implied by the unit's name should be regarded as a goal(see table of units). An annual celebration should be established and observed.

2.

RANK AND COMMAND STRUCTURE

Rank is distributed roughly according to the size of the unit commanded, counting when a unit training session has the highest attendance. So for example; if a unit initiator has recruited 5 members (including themselves) who all train together for one day, he or she automatically becomes sergeant, and at 7, second lieutenant(see table of units).

NCO's (corporal and sergeant) have the right to recommend lower ranks for promotion and awards based on commitment and ability in service.

Officers from 2nd lieutenant up have the right to promote and recommend lower ranks for awards.

Officers from Captain up can promote and award lower ranks.

The role of an officer or NCO is to structure and direct units under his/her command. Officers and NCO's are responsible for the welfare and discipline of their subordinates.

Since all membership of the militia is entirely voluntary, the refusal of direct orders shall be considered de-facto resignations. A good leader will learn how much is realistic to expect from his or her subordinates, and not give orders likely to be disobeyed.

3.

UNIFORM

Militias are by nature less than perfectly uniformed, but all units should at least have matching headgear with the militia **cockade** . A distinction between the headgear of officers and other ranks is not required, but this is perhaps practical under confusing circumstances.

The basic color of headgear should be grey or black. The basic color of uniform is white, but grey, black or earth colors are also OK. Rank badges are worn on the collar of jackets or shirts.

All equipment, paint weapons or vehicles should be painted light grey if possible.

4.

AWARDS

Lanyard

Lanyards are awarded to militia members who have shown commitment to the cause by participating in at least 2 full sessions of training or art production.

Branch badge

Branch badges are rewarded for exemplary commitment in service or for the participation in 2 or more public events. The various branch badges indicate the kind of the service the award was granted for, e.g. research and development or artillery service. To be worn on right breast pocket of jacket or shirt.

Faithful Service Medal

Faithful service medal 2, 4 or 6 years (bronze, silver, gold). To be worn above left breast pocket.

Unit specific awards

Any unit may design and award new medals or badges for any purpose they see fit. To be worn on left breast pocket.

Knighthood

A maximum of 3 per Regiment. The granting of a knighthood requires the recommendation of Colonel or higher rank. Knighthoods shall be awarded for outstanding performance and commitment in active duty, as well as singular feats of heroic artistry. To be worn around neck.

Units of Regiment size or larger (65+) may found a order of this kind.

5.

STANDARDS, PENNANTS AND UNIT PATCHES

Any unit may freely design their own banner or pennant (Heraldic banners , Sashimono). Unit signs should be graphically clear and recognizable at a distance. Banners should be 1x1 m. Pennants can be of any dimensions within 1x0.5 m. Any unit may design their own patches and tactical insignia.

MILITIA FUNDING

The art militia is for the most part privately funded. Any physical artwork produced within the militia framework is the property of those individuals or units involved in the production. Any income generated by the sale of objects or public appearance by individual units, grants or donations should first cover any expenses related to active service (food, uniforms, materials, tools, transport etc.) on the part of the contributing participants, secondly be reinvested in material upkeep and development of the unit in question. Any income beyond this shall cover pay for all participants for *at least* the amount of, or cash equivalent of 1/5 troy OZ. pure gold per day of active service or training, or given as donations to other units within the militia.

The staff of the 1.Regiment (Sørland) reserves the right to publish official guidelines, training manuals and documentation. Unofficial products are however encouraged!

DISCLAIMER

The leader of a unit is ultimately responsible for the actions of that unit under orders, but not for impulsive initiative of individual soldiers. No unit or individual volunteer is responsible for the actions of other units or members thereof. The opinions expressed by individual militia members or units do not necessarily represent the opinions of any other member or unit.

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Capt. Stegger Ledaal (sign.)