

RULES AND REGULATIONS

CALIFORNIA STATE MILITIA

AND

LICENSED MILITARY COMPANIES



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State of California

To the Patriotic Citizens of California:

Our Nation is engaged in a life and death struggle against the aggressions 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 male citizens between the ages of 16 and 65 years to voluntarily enroll for military training and service in the State Militia. Particularly do I call to this duty the men and boys from the farms and ranches of the State who are possessed of hunting rifles and shotguns and who are skillful 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 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, at least temporarily for those enrolling 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 train upon their own time and without compensation.

In order to provide a method of 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 stress.

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 invasions.

Culbert L. Olson
Governor of California

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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 wars of Colonial days organizations of Militiamen 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 come the men who comprise this 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, guns 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 member will be investigated to prove he is a good citizen. They will not be a private Army or constitute 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, 1911, Chapter 159, 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 regulations 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 senior 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 disqualifications, 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 action thereon shall be final.

IV. ENLISTED MEN

1. Enlisted men of a licensed military company shall be between the ages of 16 and 65 and must be citizens of the United States or nationals of the United Nations.

2. Every person who enlists 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) Expiration term of service.
- (b) Acceptance of a commission.
- (c) To enlist in any Federal armed force.
- (d) Discontinuance of his organization.
- (e) Change of residence.
- (f) Inaptness or misconduct.
- (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 mustering officer, who will forward it, together with a report of his inspection in letter form, to The Adjutant General. The duplicate 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 activated State Militia will train upon their own time and without compensation. The members of unit organizations will themselves determine time, place and frequency of organization and training meetings. A certain amount of training is essential and will be prescribed.

2. Field manual FM 22-5 will be used for basic training. Special instruction in observation, sniping, and scouting will be given by instructors furnished by The Adjutant General's office.

3. Additional instructions covering miscellaneous training and minor field exercises will issue from time to time from Headquarters California State Militia.

SECTION VII. UNIFORM

1. Officers:

- Pants and shirt—suntan khaki
- Belt—web khaki, plain buckle
- Tie—black
- Shoes—tan
- Jacket—field
- Hat—campaign (*)
- Cap—overseas (*)
- Helmet—tropical (*)
- Insignia:

- (1) Insignia denoting rank, or grade, arm or service, will be the same authorized for the United States Army;
- (2) Collar insignia will be unblocked Gothic letters "C. S. M." $\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and insignia denoting arm or service;
- (3) Sleeve braid of Navy blue color, one inch wide, will be worn on shirts and field jackets;
- (4) Shoulder patch, dome-shaped, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide at base; Golden Bear at top; initials C. S. M. at base. To be worn on shirts and jackets.
- (5) Shoulder tabs (or straps) 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* indicative of connection with Federal or other State forces is prohibited for members of the California State Militia while such members are serving as State militiamen.

(*) Headdress will be uniform for all members of a unit.

TABLES OF ORGANIZATION

RIFLE COMPANIES CALIFORNIA STATE MILITIA

1. **SQUAD FORMATION.** The squad may consist of 12 men including a sergeant in command and a corporal second in command.
2. **PLATOON FORMATION.** The platoon may consist of three or four squads with a lieutenant in command, and a platoon sergeant second in command.
3. **COMPANY FORMATION.** The company may consist of three or four platoons with a captain in command.
(Other enlisted men and non-commissioned officers to be attached to the company headquarters, depending upon local organization problems.)

SAMPLE TABLE OF A RIFLE COMPANY ORGANIZATION
(2 squads to a platoon)

	Co. Hdq.	1st Platoon	2d Platoon	3d Platoon	Total Enlisted
Captain	1				
1st Lieutenant	1	(1)			
2d Lieutenant	2		(1)	(1)	
Total Commissioned	4				
1st Sergeant	1				1
Sergeants Incl.	1	2	2	2	7
Mess & supply	(1)				
Platoon Sergeants		(1)	(1)	(1)	
Platoon Guides		(1)	(1)	(1)	
Corporals, Incl.	3	3	3	3	12
Company clerk	(1)				
Squad Leaders		(3)	(3)	(3)	
Cooks	(2)				
Privates and Privates 1st Class					
Including	6	27	27	27	87
Messengers	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	
Cooks Helpers	(2)				
Bugler	(1)				
Artificer	(1)				
Basic		(25)	(25)	(25)	
	11	32	32	32	107

Ratio of privates first class to privates: 1 private first class to 2 privates.
 Medical units may be licensed or attached to companies.
 Mounted companies may be licensed.
 Motorcycle groups may be attached to licensed companies.

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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, _____, do hereby apply for admission in the Militia of the State of California and do hereby enroll as a private in said Militia.

PROVIDED, it is hereby understood and agreed by the State of California that said Militia will be called into active service only 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, it is hereby understood and agreed that in the event of my induction or enlistment in the armed forces of the Army or Navy of the United States this enlistment in the State Militia is thereby automatically canceled.

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 possessed 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.

----- [SIGNED] -----
 Date

 Date
 Witness -----
 By and for the State of California by
 authority of the Governor,
 Culbert L. Olson

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

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. It is primarily trained for guard and patrol duties to relieve regular U. S. Troops for combatant duty. The State Guard is likewise tactically and basically trained as combatant forces should such a duty be necessary.
 - 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 workers, 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 would 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 in 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 strikes.

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Information Form

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

Identification Card

California State Militia

This Certifies That _____
 is a member of _____
CALIFORNIA STATE MILITIA

 Commanding

 Member's Signature

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