

# Michigan Home Guard Constitution

## Preamble

We, the members of the Michigan Home Guard, in an effort to lay a foundation for those who follow, and in order to establish a standard of preparedness to defend our freedom, liberty and rights according to the US and Michigan Constitutions. We do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution as the cornerstone of this organization.

## Article I

The name of this organization shall be Michigan Home Guard or MHG.

## Article II

The MHG is comprised of members of the State of Michigan and surrounding areas, whose purpose is to support our members through regular organized training, mutual aid, and personal development.

## Article III

Membership to the MHG is open to any US citizens of good moral character and meets the requirements of membership defined in the bylaws (section 1.1).

## Article IV

### Section 1 (Structure)

A. The State of Michigan is divided into six (6) districts.

- Central
- Eastern
- Northeast
- Northwest
- Superior
- Western

B. Each district will be composed of three (3) sectors.

C. The sectors shall be broken down into their corresponding counties.

## **Section 2 (Rank)**

**A.** The Command Staff shall consist of the following members.

1. Commanding officer who holds the rank of Colonel.
2. Executive officer who holds the rank of Major.
3. The District leaders who hold the rank of Captain.

**B.** The leadership of the MHG shall consist of the following members:

1. The members of the Command Staff.
2. Sector leaders who hold the rank of Lieutenant.
3. County Leaders who hold the rank of Sergeant.
4. County assistants who hold the rank of Corporal.

## **Article V**

### **Section 1 ( Terms of office)**

**A. Commanding Officer (Colonel)**

1. The position of CO is an elected position for a term of one (1) year.

**B. Executive Officer (Major)**

1. The position of XO is an appointed position for a term of one (1) year.
2. The position of XO is appointed by the incoming CO and serves the same term.

**C. District Leader (Captain)**

1. The District Leader must live in the District they are to preside over.
2. The District Leader is nominated by the CO and ratified by the members of the district they are to preside over.

3. The position is for a term of one (1) year.

**D. Leadership other than Command Staff**

1. All leadership, with the exception of the Command Staff, are appointed positions and serve at the discretion of those appointed over them.

**Section 2 (Removal from office and membership)**

**A. Command Staff**

1. Members of Command Staff may be removed by a two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote by the Command staff or a two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the membership under their chain of command.

2. The member that is up for removal does not have a vote.

3. If removed from office, by the membership there shall be no appeal process. If removed by the Command staff the appeal process shall be in accordance with the bylaws (Article III section 2).

**B. Leadership (other than Command Staff)**

1. Leadership may be removed by those in their chain of Command.

2. If removed from office, the member can appeal to the Command Staff for a vote as prescribed in the bylaws (Article III section 2)

**C. Membership**

1. Members may be removed by a two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote by the Command staff or a two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the membership in their district

2. The member that is up for removal does not have a vote.

3. If removed by the members there shall be no appeal process. If removed by the Command staff the appeal process shall be in accordance with the bylaws (Article III section 2 )

**Article VI**

**Section 1 ( Voting)**

**A. Commanding Officer**

1. The election for the CO will take place Dec 1, 00:00 hrs - Dec 7th 23:59 hrs
2. Voting will be submitted to the Election director (who is picked by command), by email, online voting platform, via phone or in person.
3. All ballots will be counted and the candidate with the most votes wins. The winner will be announced on the 8th of December.
4. The new CO will take command of the Michigan Home Guard on January 1st.
5. Any member interested in running must announce their candidacy by October 1st.
6. The candidate for CO must have his XO running mate and District Leader nominations chose no later than November 1st.

#### **B. District Leaders**

1. District Leaders will be nominated by the incoming CO.
2. District Leaders will be ratified by a simple majority of the members of that District.
3. Voting will open on the 10th of December and will be open for 48 hours.
4. In the event that the nomination is not ratified the incoming CO must choose another nominee within 24 hours and the process starts again until ratification is complete.
5. District Leaders will take Command when the new CO is sworn in.

#### **C. Bylaw Changes**

1. Bylaw changes may be introduced by any member.
2. All changes must be brought to Command with the exact wording, article, and section they wish to change.
3. Command must first approve it by a two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote yes and a quorum of 100%.

4. If approved, Command will present the proposed changes to members for one week before a vote will take place.

5. Bylaw changes and amendments only pass with a two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote yes of the votes collected.

#### **D. Constitutional Amendments**

1. Changes to the Constitution may be introduced by any member.

2. All changes must be brought to Command with the exact wording, article, and section they wish to change.

3. Command Staff must first approve it by a two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote yes and a quorum of 100%.

4. If approved, Command will present the proposed changes to members for one week before a vote will take place.

5. Constitutional Amendments only pass with a two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote yes and a quorum of 70% of membership.

#### **E. Adoption of this Constitution**

1. This Constitution was first put together by members from across the State of Michigan, convened in a central location, discussed and debated. It was then brought to the remaining forefathers of this group for approval.

2. This Constitution will be posted online for one (1) week to be Reviewed and discussed before being put up for a vote.

3. In order to be adopted this Constitution must pass with a simple majority. It will then become the Constitution of the Michigan Home Guard.