

What will the Militia do?

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I am constantly getting questions from members of various American Militia units. Most people have no idea that every American adult who is not in the Active military, Reserves or National Guard are considered members of the UNORGANIZED MILITIA. Some states have formal state supported units known as State Guard forces. For the purpose of this article, I will be discussing the UNORGANIZED Militia.

1. **Organization**- Most Militia units are organized around US military concepts of Company size strength or smaller.
2. **Family Resource Groups**- while nearly every military unit has an FRG, most Militia

groups do not. They seem to take no thought as to what will happen to their families if they get activated for an emergency. They make no plans even for a call TREE in most cases.

3. **Escape & Evasion**- Even at Lexington and Concord the citizen militias trained for and had a plan for withdrawing from contact with the enemy and escaping and evading to alternate rally or assembly points. I have yet to see a single Militia unit that has a plan in place.
4. **Training**- Since I am a Trainer, this is a big peeve of mine. I see very little realistic training going on. A camp out in full gear for the fun of it is not training to me. A small Militia unit is not going to have the manpower or resources to fight a conventional infantry battle. Serious

thought must be put into developing a coherent Training Plan.

5. **Uniforms**- I see many units adopting whatever uniform the military uses. A regular uniform such as that also MARKS you as a member of the Militia. If you have to break contact, go dark and E&E, civilian clothes are going to be a better choice. A CACHE plan should be considered to safely store or dispose of weapons and equipment. It is critical that some unique ID item be worn so everyone knows the players on the field. That can be a colored hat, a scarf, Shemagh or whatever.
6. **Weapons & Ammo**- At first, Militia members will bring whatever they personally own. Consideration must be given to commonality of systems and calibers. The goal being that most everyone

in the unit are going to have similar caliber weapons.

7. **Support, Supplies and Caches-** I have only ever seen one unit anywhere that had extra supplies available. Not even one unit has a Cache Plan or anyone assigned to gather, store and distribute supplies. Think about how you are going to feed your troops, provide water, resupply ammo, etc. You can rely on other conventional units to support you such as National Guard. They are going to be very stingy with everything.
8. **Transportation-** How do Militia get to the initial assemble point? Personal vehicles that are registered to them? What happens to those vehicles after initial contact? Will they be of any value to enemy forces? Can they be used to escape in? Things to think about.

9. **Call Ups**- How are units called up? By phone? Mail? Cell phones? What if cell towers are shut down? Who notifies whom? What alternate plan is in place?
10. **Suicide by consent**- It seems to me that many Militia units are just playing games. They are really not serious about the realities of a conflict. They have just contented to their own suicide. As in the National Guard, in any real conflict only 50% will ever show up anyway. The other 50% will be protecting their own families or getting out of the area. Unless or until a Militia group gets real and diligently plans for emergencies, they are not going to be an asset to any community.