

Anatomy of a Light Foot Founder's Meeting

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DESCRIPTION: Basically, a Light Foot Founder's Meeting is several things all at once. First of all, it's a meet-n-greet usually accompanied by a meal of some kind. Secondly, it's a time to find out whom and what the Light Foot Militia are, what they're not, and what their mission is. Then, once the residents of that county get acquainted with one another, and understand that the TLFM is a legitimate, professional organization, the group, as a whole, will nominate officers based on skill level, experience, and any other factors they deem necessary by vote. If it's a large group, once the nominations are complete, each candidate usually gives a short speech about why they're the best choice for the position, and then the final vote is held and tallied. (Officer Elections should take place annually as near to the same date of the unit founder's meeting as possible.)

NOTE: Just because I am the founder of the Texas Light Foot does not mean that I get to micromanage people and control units; I absolutely abhor that! I am libertarian and broadminded to the core! In other words, live and let live! **To clarify, my only job at a founder's meeting is to be a counselor by offering sound recommendations, advice, and endorsements, and to help guide folks through the general mechanics of setting up the unit, i.e. officer elections, meeting places, etc. THIS IS YOUR MEETING!**

FAQ:

Q. What is needed to start an official Light Foot unit?

A. The main event required to form an official Light Foot battalion is the Founder's Meeting. (The meeting must be posted publicly, with all residents of the county being invited and welcomed to attend the event.)

Q. How long does the Founder's Meeting last?

A. The actual meeting will usually last about an hour or so, but can be shorter or longer depending on how many are present, and how discussion/debate happens before the vote is taken and tallied.

Q. Who needs to be there?

A. In order to have a true quorum, and to insure there are enough eligible (no violent felons or sex criminals) people (male or female) present to have a genuine vote, the suggested lowest number is seven. However, the vote can be accomplished with a required minimum of five persons, and still be legitimate.

Q. Do I need to bring anything to the meeting?

A. As for what to bring, I would recommend that a resident of the county volunteer to host a cook-out/dinner of some kind, and publicize the meeting as an informal "Meet-N-Greet" in order to recruit newly interested parties.

****For additional needed information, please review the booklet entitled "Starting a Light Foot Militia Unit" that is attached to the 2014 Light Foot Militia Standards (LFMS).**