Civil Defense Framework

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Note: The ARCDMF is <u>not</u> a paramilitary or organization

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Chapter 1

Neo-Arcadia

The impetus for building this framework is as a response to the nonstop dissolve of social unity and societal cohesion. People are alone and afraid, right now, on their night out, at home, at school, at work, and at church. They want something, or someone, to help assuage their tremendous fear. I sense their desire to feel prepared, to do something, anything, to meet this uncertain moment. I feel that pressure as well. So I've thought about it, and I think I've come to a position that might best be summed up in the following statement. "Without regard to weapons, I feel it would be better if, in some way, we were together, unafraid and prepared, instead of feeling alone, afraid and unprepared."

That's the strongest statement I'm currently willing to make. I would never call for a fight or for war, but we simply must do something, and try to do what feels sensible and measured. You might say that setting up a military framework is insensible and unmeasured, that a discussion of defense is another slip into war. To that, I reply I have faith in humanity and the future promises of militarized peace. I have dreamed about the American Rangers for many years, the possibility of a society transformed through the kind of education that I received in Friends meeting, scouts, and then in higher education.

I cannot defend us against today, but I can help make preparations for tomorrow. I close my eyes and I see an Arcadia of humans and machines that is unconsciously and honestly defended, not by the might of force, but of love. That's my vision, that's the thrust of my position, that's why I'm doing this. Maybe my heart really is *all fucked up*, but I'm gonna follow it anyway. What else could I do?

Yours,
Comandante Julio Domínguez

Chapter 2

ARCDM Structure

Admin This framework is administered by The Community Garden Mapping Project

Framework Officers This is a military framework that expresses itself through decentralized hierarchy and preparation. The official officers for this framework are the following.

1. SOUTHLAND Regional Commander J. Domínguez - Poet
2. SOUTHLAND Major General L. Allman - Geologist & Concientious Objector

Regional Command America is large, spanning two continents and hemispheres. The largest representative units in the ARCDM are expressed as regional commands.

SOUTHLAND The SOUTHLAND Regional Command(SLRC) comprises the South Eastern North American region, in care of Commander Domínguez.

Symbols This framework formally adopts the following symbols.

1. **Animal Mascot:** The Eastern Black Bear *Ursus americanus americanus*
   Often represented as a bear resting, peaceful and unafraid, in a meadow of flowers.

2. **Flag:** The ARCDM has adopted the 8 color "pride" flag that was developed by Gilbert Baker in 1978. While the flag is a gift from the Gender and Sexuality movement, it was not intended to be an exclusive flag for any group, but rather one that represents all people and universal connection. Thus we call it the "peace" flag and celebrate Gilbert for his tremendous contribution. The original colors stand for the following.

ARCDM Peace Flag

Chapter 3

ARCDM Boot Camp

3.1 Foundations

One does not just become an American Ranger overnight, it happens slowly. However, a true ranger is apparent at all levels of acumen and training. Each stays the course and finds their way.

The ARCDM has high expectations for those that claim allegiance. As the gatekeeper, I insist on a shared understanding and, crucially, a kind of civics preparation in order to work within the framework.

3.2 Civics

Conflict and threats against peace are numerous. Rangers have read all the following documents and are familiar with infiltration tactics, abnormal psychology, and basic security.

1. **CIA Sabatoge Field Manual**: Infiltration and disruption tactics that represent threats intended to stymie or disrupt organizing.
2. **5 types of people that will ruin your life**: Abnormal psychology and techniques to mitigate conflict.
3. **The Prophet**: Spiritual grounding in others.