A Firefighter Honors his Oath: "In Peace, Firemen. If Invaded, Soldiers"



"In peace, firemen. If invaded, soldiers." Amen!

I am not, nor have I ever been a member of the military. I am not a law- enforcement officer. I am a firefighter. Under state law in California, this also makes me a "special peace officer."

I took an oath, in March of the year 2000, to "uphold and defend the Constitutions of the United States of America and the state of California against all enemies, both foreign and domestic, and to bear true faith and allegiance to the same." This oath was administered by my department's governing board, and is legally binding.

I am not issued a weapon in my course of work, but I take my oath seriously. I study the Founders of our nation, and the documents they produced. My wife and I are teaching this to our children. In our kitchen hangs a plaque that reads, "In peace, firemen. If invaded, soldiers." I hang it there because I believe in it. I view "invasion" to mean the deployment within the United States of any

military or paramilitary force that bears the population hostile intent.

Thank you to those of you who have started and championed this movement. This is much needed by this country. The question of "what will the military do" causes a great deal of anxiety in the general American population. It is good to see some who will not just follow orders. History and the Jewish population can tell us all we need to know about just following orders. Six million murders testify to the folly of just following orders.

I believe that the right to own modern weaponry is the cornerstone on which the rest of our rights exist. I own such weapons, and seek appropriate training for their use. I have found the "Appleseed Program" sponsored by the Revolutionary War Veteran's Association and believe they are very much in concert with you. They teach marksmanship, and the history of April 19th, 1775. You may find more information about them at:

http://www.appleseedinfo.org/index.htm

Again, thank you for making this public stand. Know that you are not alone, and are very much needed. I pray to our Lord God that we will never have to demonstrate our resolve.

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NOTE: Stewart Rhodes wrote a feature article on the Appleseed Program for S.WA.T. Magazine. You can read that article here. Appleseed is a great program, made up of volunteers, and is endorsed and highly recommended by Oath Keepers.



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