

Organizational Meeting

Saturday, July 11th, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm Rebel Ridge Farm

6000 Eaton Road, Walnut Cove

Call Bob Lightner at 682-5855 or email at bob@rebelridge.us for additional information and reservations.

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The sense of urgency that compelled the formation of committees of safety during the birth of our nation was for mutual defense and to promote the public welfare as the relationships between free people and their government were taking shape.

The sense of urgency we are experiencing today is precipitated by our need to promote the public welfare as the relationships between people and government deteriorate in what is now our sadly dying nation.

The most pressing concerns we must address at this time are:

- **1. Security of our money**. As the economy collapses and the dollar devalues, people will still need to engage in commerce so different forms of currency will need to be exchanged.
- 2. Security from natural and man-made disasters. There is ample evidence to suggest that government agencies such as FEMA, the Dept. of Homeland Security, the military and its deputized Blackwater mercenaries protect the interests of *government* during emergencies. For the needs of a *community* to be best served in an emergency requires the community itself to be prepared to help and protect one another.
- 3. Security of the political process. If the current civil government is replaced by martial authority, the people in our communities will be governed at gunpoint if they are not organized and working together in a cooperative sense dedicated to defending their mutual interests and promoting the community welfare. Having in place elected or appointed representatives capable of representing those interests to whatever authority is exercising power is always essential, especially during times of uncertainty.
- **4. Security of our food and water.** If we experience a disruption in the food supply or the power goes out, both food and water will become a community-wide concern. Most Americans are not prepared to survive a natural disaster, have minimal food and water storage and have little or no experience even preparing food from scratch. It is critical that communities share or gain knowledge in these areas and discuss how each community member's needs will be met.

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