

Besides, why alter the name? You can still call them Volunteer Militia, and give them the legal organization they now adopt voluntarily.

I am not going to add much more, but in conclusion, I would go back to where I began and say, commence on militia reforms by legalizing our city volunteers' semi-civil funding pay organization. Give them the old country organization, with a capitation grant instead of pay, and make them *earn it*, never forgetting that they are our first line of defence, and at once organize them into brigades. Remember the words of the great Field Marshal, Von Moltke, which he wrote in 1890: "A general staff cannot be improvised on the outbreak of war. It must be prepared long before, during peace, and must be practical, working in constant touch with the troops."

I respectfully submit that the scheme I have roughly outlined is feasible, and a great improvement upon the present system.

---