

STATUTE OF THE LITHUANIAN RIFLEMEN'S UNION

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Statute of the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union determines and regulates the structure of the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union (hereinafter referred to as the LRU), typical structure of regiments, procedure of formation of regiments and their units, LRU Congress and other LRU central authorities, as well as work procedures for management bodies of regiments and units, appointment and dismissal procedures for commanders, LRU operating control procedures, formation of collegial institutions and organization of their work, procedure for the admission, secession and withdrawal from the LRU, as well as the basis and procedures for suspension of membership within the LRU, rifleman's oath and solemn pledge of a young rifleman, general rights and obligations of riflemen, service of a rifleman and a young rifleman, formation of LRU battle troops and service of a rifleman in the battle troop, procedure for the payment of entrance fee and LRU membership fee as well as targeted contributions, riflemen's uniforms and insignia and their wearing, riflemen's incentives and awards, riflemen's disciplinary liability, manner of using LRU flag and emblem, procedure for approving the standards of regiments' flags and procedure for using flags, procedure for granting and withdrawing the honoured rifleman's name, as well as the honoured rifleman's rights to participate in the activities of LRU, LRU relations and cooperation with diaspora riflemen and their associations, and LRU public information measures.

2. For the purposes of this Statute, the terms defined in the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union and the Law on Organization of the National Defence and the Military Service of the Republic of Lithuania shall be used.

CHAPTER II

TYPICAL STRUCTURE OF LRU AND ITS REGIMENTS, PROCEDURE OF FORMATION OF REGIMENTS AND THEIR UNITS

3. LRU consists of LRU central authorities and regiments. The typical structure of the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union is presented in Annex 1 of the Statute.

4. Typically, there is one regiment in an upper administrative unit, i. e. the county. The number and names of regiments, upon nomination by the LRU Commander and agreement with the Minister of National Defence, shall be approved by the LRU Congress.

5. Regiments shall consist of companies and LRU battle troops; the companies shall consist of troops, and the troops shall consist of sections.

A regiment shall consist of not less than 8 units: companies and LRU battle troops. A company shall

have at least 57 riflemen, a troop shall have at least 18 riflemen, and a section shall have at least 6 riflemen.

6. Battle troops shall be formed in the procedure established in Chapter XII of the Statute.

7. The LRU Commander shall annually approve the structure of the next year's regiment, the number of companies and battle troops in each regiment and their names.

8. Commander of a regiment shall annually approve the number of the next year's troops in each of the company of the regiment led by him and their names.

9. Young riflemen's troops may be formed within companies.

10. Sections shall be formed by the commander of a troop, taking into account the number of riflemen assigned to his troop.

11. The LRU headquarters and those of regiments shall be formed by the LRU Commander for operative activity organisation of the LRU and its regiments. The LRU headquarters shall be headed by the LRU Commander, and the headquarters of regiments – by the commanders of regiments.

12. The honorary guard company of the LRU headquarters shall be established at the LRU headquarters. Other structural units may also be established at the LRU headquarters to ensure the implementation of tasks of the LRU.

13. The structure of the LRU headquarters and those of regiments shall be approved by the LRU Commander. The list of duties of permanent rifleman's service, the wage for which is paid to riflemen from the state budget allocations assigned to the Ministry of National Defence, shall be approved by the Minister of National Defence upon nomination by the LRU Commander with the approval of the LRU Central Board. The list of other duties of permanent rifleman's service, the wage for which is paid to riflemen from the funds other than state budget allocations, shall be approved by the LRU Commander with the approval of the LRU Central Board and in consultation with the Minister of National Defence.

14. Clubs, societies and groups teaming up riflemen with the same interests, not conflicting with the LRU purposes, may operate at the level of the LRU and regiments.

CHAPTER III

PROCEDURE OF CONVENING THE LRU CONGRESS AND ELECTING REPRESENTATIVES OF REGIMENTS TO CONGRESS, AND WORK PROCEDURES OF THE LRU CONGRESS

SECTION I

PROCEDURE OF CONVENING THE LRU CONGRESS

15. The LRU Congress shall be the supreme LRU authority.

16. The ordinary LRU Congress shall be convened by the LRU Commander once every three years. The extraordinary LRU Congress shall be convened by the LRU Commander as proposed by the Minister of National Defence, the LRU Central Board or by general meetings of at least five regiments.

17. The LRU Commander shall form by written order the LRU Congress Secretariat, usually from 5 members, and designate the head of the LRU Congress Secretariat, i. e. the LRU Congress Secretary.

18. The LRU Congress Secretariat, commissioned by the LRU Commander, at least 2 months before the ordinary LRU Congress and at least 15 days before the extraordinary LRU Congress, shall give a written notice of the date of the LRU Congress and provide the LRU Congress agenda formed by the LRU Commander to the LRU Congress participants:

- 18.1. deputies of the LRU Commander;
- 18.2. members of the LRU Central Board;
- 18.3. chair of the LRU Central Control Commission;
- 18.4. chair of the LRU Court of Honour;
- 18.5. commanders of the LRU regiments.

19. Where the agenda of the LRU Congress provides for consideration of the candidacy of future LRU commander, the LRU Congress Secretariat shall, at least 15 days prior to the LRU Congress, notify the LRU Congress' participants referred to in Paragraph 18 of the Statute of the candidacy for the LRU Commander proposed by the Minister of National Defence.

20. Commanders of regiments, upon the notice of convening the LRU Congress, shall immediately convey all the information obtained to the representatives of regiments elected to the LRU Congress.

21. The Minister of National Defence, Vice-Minister, whose remit covers the LRU, and the head of authority of the national defence system authorised by the Minister to coordinate the cooperation of the national defence system with the LRU. By decision of the LRU Commander, representatives of other state and municipal institutions, honorary riflemen, diaspora riflemen and other individuals may also be invited to the LRU Congress.

SECTION II

PROCEDURE OF ELECTING REPRESENTATIVES OF REGIMENTS TO LRU CONGRESS

22. The LRU Central Board shall, at least 60 days before the ordinary LRU Congress, determine the number of representatives of each regiment to the LRU Congress that is proportional to the number of riflemen present in the regiment at that time. This number shall be valid for extraordinary LRU Congresses convened until the next ordinary LRU Congress.

23. The LRU Central Board, in determining the number of representatives of the regiment to the LRU Congress, shall also determine the number of reserve representatives of the regiment to the LRU Congress.

24. The congress of a regiment shall elect representatives and reserve representatives of a regiment to the LRU Congress; it shall be convened and organised in the manner established by the Rules of Procedure of the congress of a regiment.

25. The representatives of a regiment shall be elected to the LRU Congress from the regiment's congress participants, with the exception of the regiment's commander. All participants of the regiment's congress may propose candidates to the LRU Congress.

26. The elected riflemen shall represent a regiment in the LRU Congress in extraordinary LRU Congresses convened until the next ordinary LRU Congress.

27. If the membership of a rifleman elected as a representative of a regiment to the LRU Congress is terminated or suspended, or if he is removed from office due to a disciplinary investigation, or if he, for other justified reasons, cannot come to the LRU Congress, a reserve representative of a regiment elected in the regiment's congress shall participate in the LRU Congress.

28. The riflemen of a regiment may be elected as representatives to the LRU Congress for an unlimited number of times.

SECTION III

WORK PROCEDURES OF THE LRU CONGRESS

29. The LRU Congress Secretariat shall:

29.1. Register participants of the LRU Congress;

29.2. Announces if the Congress is regarded as legitimate, considering the number of participants present in the LRU Congress;

29.3. Document the process of the Congress;

29.4. Manage other LRU Congress organisational matters and carry out orders by the chair of the LRU Congress appointed by the LRU Congress.

30. If the LRU Congress Secretariat declares the Congress unsuccessful by the number of participants, the LRU Congress shall not be in session. The LRU Commander may transmit to the LRU Congress participants and guests any relevant information related to the LRU activities.

31. After the LRU Congress Secretariat announces that the Congress is lawful by the number of participants, the LRU commander shall greet the participants and guests of the LRU Congress, present the guests of the LRU Congress and declare the LRU Congress initiated.

32. Once the LRU Congress is initiated, its participants shall elect:

32.1. The chair of the LRU Congress, who heads the Congress, proposed by the LRU Commander from the candidates of participants of the LRU Congress;

32.2. The vote counting commission, usually consisting of 5 members – from non-voting riflemen participating in the LRU Congress.

33. The LRU Congress shall consider the matters provided for in the agenda, as well as raised by the LRU Congress participants and related to the LRU activities; it shall adopt decisions on these issues by a simple majority of the LRU Congress participants. In the case of a split vote, the chair of the LRU Congress shall cast the deciding vote.

34. The LRU Congress shall vote by open ballot. The LRU Congress may decide to vote by secret ballot for the approval of the LRU Commander's candidacy and for the distrust of the LRU Commander.

35. The vote counting commission shall calculate the voting results and submit them to the chair of the LRU Congress. The chair shall announce the voting results to the LRU Congress participants.

36. The LRU Congress decisions shall be formalised by:

36.1. Decisions, if the LRU Congress adopts and (or) approves the LRU operational strategy, internal legislation and other documents concerning the LRU activities, approves or rejects the

appointment of the LRU Commander, approves the number of deputies of the LRU Commander, as well as elects the members of the LRU collegial institutions;

36.2. Resolutions, if the LRU Congress provides a conclusion on the negotiated draft legislation or report;

36.3. Statements, if the LRU Congress applies to other institutions or individuals on issues concerning the LRU activities.

37. The documents used to finalise the LRU Congress decisions shall be signed by the chair and secretary of the LRU Congress.

38. The LRU Congress documentation shall be stored in the LRU headquarters.

39. The LRU Congress, in addition to its competence issues provided for in the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union, shall consider and approve:

39.1. The Rules of Procedure of the LRU Congress, which provides a detailed procedure for work organisation of the LRU Congress;

39.2. The Rules of Procedure of the Congress of regiment, which establishes the competence of the Congress of regiment, procedures for its convening and electing company representatives to the Congress of regiment, as well as procedures of work organisation of the Congress of regiment;

39.3. The Rules of Procedure of the meeting of a company, which establishes its competence and procedures of work organisation.

CHAPTER IV

WORK PROCEDURES OF OTHER LRU CENTRAL AUTHORITIES

SECTION I

WORK PROCEDURES OF THE LRU COMMANDER AND LRU HEADQUARTERS

40. While heading the LRU activities and representing the LRU, the LRU Commander shall have responsibilities provided for in the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union and this Statute.

41. The LRU Commander shall be responsible for the development of the LRU operational strategy and its implementation. He shall organise the development of the LRU operational strategy, taking into account the LRU goals, objectives and functions, conditions and needs of a relevant period, existing and planned LRU funds and other resources.

The LRU strategy shall be approved for a period of three years. It shall establish strategic LRU objectives for the period concerned, taking into account the conditions and needs of this period, as well as guidelines for the effective use of existing and planned LRU funds, other material and human resources.

The developed draft LRU operational strategy shall be considered by the LRU Central Board and, if approved, shall be submitted for the endorsement by the Minister of National Defence. If the LRU operational strategy is approved by the Minister of National Defence, the LRU Commander shall submit it for approval to the LRU Congress.

42. The LRU Commander shall be responsible for riflemen's training. He shall organise riflemen's

training and approve:

42.1. General requirements for riflemen and young riflemen's training;

42.2. Requirements and programmes for riflemen's military training, in consultation with the Lithuanian Armed Forces Commander;

42.3. Other training programs for riflemen, which are developed in cooperation with the authority, authorised by the Minister of National Defence to coordinate the national defence system cooperation with the LRU.

43. The LRU Commander shall periodically provide to the Minister of National Defence:

43.1. Annual operational plans of the LRU;

43.2. Annual operational reports of the LRU;

43.3. Needs of the State budget allocations for the LRU annual budgeting;

43.4. Yearly report on the LRU internal control.

44. The LRU Central Board shall help the LRU Commander to lead the LRU activities between congresses; its meetings shall be convened by the LRU Commander, when necessary, but at least once every three months, to consider the draft LRU legislation or other documents and to discuss important LRU operational issues.

45. The LRU headquarters shall help to organise work of LRU Commander, as well as to implement and control the LRU activities. The LRU Commander shall supervise activities of the LRU headquarters, assign tasks and missions for employees of the LRU headquarters and control their execution.

46. The LRU headquarters shall:

46.1. Draft operational strategy of the LRU;

46.2. Draft annual operational plans of the LRU;

46.3. Draft the LRU internal legal acts regulating the LRU internal procedures, discipline, structure and operational issues, as commissioned by the LRU Commander;

46.4. Manage the LRU assets accounting;

46.5. Manage the LRU accounting;

46.6. Administers permanent riflemen staff and manage the LRU members' records;

46.7. Plan riflemen's training, practical training and other operational events of the LRU;

46.8. Coordinate and control the activities of headquarters of regiments;

46.9. Plan the supplies for riflemen;

46.10. Technically supervise the meetings of the LRU Central Board, the LRU Central Control Commission and the LRU Court of Honour and technically ensure activities of these institutions;

46.11. Perform other functions listed in the regulations of the LRU headquarters.

47. The regulations and structure of the LRU headquarters shall be approved by the LRU Commander.

48. The LRU headquarters shall organise its work in the procedure established by the LRU Commander.

49. Plans of special measures may be developed to solve individual issues, upon the decision of the LRU Commander. They shall be approved by the LRU Commander. The LRU Commander

shall appoint an official of the LRU headquarters, which is responsible for the implementation of this plan.

SECTION II

WORK PROCEDURES OF THE LRU CENTRAL BOARD

50. The work of the LRU Central Board shall be organised according to the annual work plan of the LRU Central Board, which is drawn up based on the LRU strategy and its annual operational plan.

51. The work plan of the LRU Central Board shall be approved by the LRU Commander no later than within two months from the election of the LRU Central Board, and for the next year – by 10 December of each year.

52. The meetings of the LRU Central Board shall be convened by the LRU Commander at least once every three months.

53. The members and deputies of the LRU Central Board shall be informed in writing of the meeting date, place and its planned agenda at least two weeks before the meeting. Draft legislation and other documents to be considered in the meeting shall be delivered to the members of the LRU Central Board at least one week before the meeting.

54. If it is necessary to take urgent decisions, the LRU Commander may convene the LRU Central Board meeting at least two days before the meeting, together with drafts of the planned legislation and other documents to be considered.

55. If a member of the LRU Central Board is unable to perform his duties (due to sickness, temporary incapacity, etc.) or if absent (resigned from office before the expiry of the term of office, terminated membership in the LRU, left the country, died, has limited capacity, etc.), such a member shall be substituted by his deputy. During the substitution the deputy of the LRU Central Board member shall have all the LRU Central Board member's rights. If the LRU Central Board's member, whose mandate is not suspended, arrives at the meeting of the LRU Central Board and his deputy is present, only the member shall vote to adopt decisions.

56. The LRU Central Board's meeting shall be chaired by the LRU Commander.

57. The meeting secretary shall draw up minutes of the LRU Central Board's meeting and calculate votes; the secretary shall be appointed by the LRU Commander from officials of the LRU headquarters.

58. At the beginning of the meeting, the agenda of the meeting shall be approved. The LRU Central Board's members shall have the right to propose issues for the agenda of the meeting.

59. In the LRU Central Board's meetings, the work reports of the LRU Commander and (or) his deputies shall be heard and issues provided for in the meeting agenda shall be considered.

60. The LRU Central Board may propose to the LRU Commander to amend (to initiate an amendment) of legal acts regulating activities of the LRU. In addition, the LRU Central Board shall consider issues related to the transfer, sale and write-off (liquidation) of unnecessary, unused LRU fixed assets, its acquisition needs, the need for secondment and sending riflemen to training, the need for delivery of aid, and shall submit proposals on these issues to the LRU Commander.

61. The LRU Central Board shall adopt its decisions by a majority of votes cast by the

members attending the meeting. In the case of a split vote, the LRU Commander shall cast the deciding vote.

62. The LRU Central Board's members shall be entitled to ask the LRU Commander, his deputies, commanders of regiments and officials of the LRU headquarters to provide information about the activities of the LRU. The riflemen must provide the requested information to the LRU Central Board's Members (in the absence of the Central Board's member or in case of inability to perform his duties – to his deputy).

SECTION III

WORK PROCEDURES OF THE LRU CENTRAL CONTROL COMMISSION

63. The LRU Central Control Commission shall be a collegial body performing the LRU internal control, including financial control.

64. The activities of the LRU Central Control Commission shall be planned by preparing annual operational plans of the LRU Central Control Commission. The chair of the LRU Central Control Commission shall, each year by 1 February, prepare and submit the annual operational plan of the LRU Central Control Commission to the LRU Commander for approval. Annual operational plans may be adjusted according to the proposals by the LRU Commander, set priorities and significant changes in the activities of the LRU.

65. The annual operational plan of the LRU Central Control Commission shall include: individual inspection objects or LRU activities; duration of the inspection, individual Commission's members performing the inspection.

66. Non-routine inspections may be performed upon the decision of the chair of the LRU Central Control Commission, if:

66.1. There are circumstances which could not be foreseen when approving the annual operational plans of the LRU Central Control Commission;

66.2. Information is obtained about the object's activities that may not comply with legal requirements;

66.3. Order from the LRU Congress or LRU Commander to carry out inspections on activities of the LRU is received;

66.4. Findings and recommendations related to certain LRU activities or inspection object's control are received from the Centralised Internal Audit Department of the Ministry of National Defence.

67. The members of the LRU Central Control Commission, performing inspections of activities of the LRU headquarters or other activities of the LRU, shall assess:

67.1. Compliance with the LRU strategy and annual operational plan, laws and regulations, and transactions concluded by the LRU;

67.2. If the LRU assets are managed, used and disposed of economically and rationally.

68. The members of the LRU Central Control Commission, during the inspection or after it, shall

organise meetings with the riflemen responsible for the object or inspected activities of the LRU and deliver them the preliminary results, discuss any opportunities to improve their activities and to remedy any identified shortcomings.

69. The members of the LRU Central Control Commission, having performed an inspection of individual objects or activities of the LRU, shall prepare reports and submit them to the chair of the commission.

70. The chair of the LRU Central Control Commission, having received draft reports from the members of the commission, shall convene a meeting, in which:

70.1. Summarised inspection report is considered;

70.2. Decisions on the measures required to remedy any shortcomings are adopted.

71. The decision on the summarised inspection report adopted by the LRU Central Control Commission shall be further signed by the chair and members of the commission.

72. This report shall include:

72.1. Assessment of operational effectiveness of the inspected object or the LRU activities;

72.2. Any identified shortcomings;

72.3. Recommendations to remedy any shortcomings identified by the LRU Central Control Commission or to improve performance of the LRU.

73. The summarised inspection report shall be delivered to:

73.1. The head of the inspected object or an individual responsible for the inspected activities of the LRU, who shall specify in writing: "I have received a copy of the report released by the LRU Central Control Commission" and indicates the date of its receipt;

73.2. The LRU Commander.

74. The meetings of the LRU Central Control Commission shall also be convened to consider:

74.1. The implementation of the LRU operational strategy, annual operational plans and operational programmes;

74.2. The draft LRU internal control reports, which are prepared according to the summarised planned non-routine inspection reports.

75. The findings and recommendations of the LRU Central Control Commission shall be signed by the chair and members of the commission. The members of the LRU Central Control Commission, who disagree with the majority opinion, shall be entitled to express a dissenting opinion, which, signed by the member, shall be attached to the findings or recommendations of the LRU Central Control Commission; the LRU Central Control Commission's report or recommendation shall specify the subject and the member having presented a dissenting opinion on this subject.

76. If a member of the LRU Central Control Commission is unable to perform his duties (due to sickness, temporary incapacity, etc.) or if absent (resigned from office before the expiry of the term of office, terminated membership in the LRU, left the country, died, has limited capacity, etc.), such a member shall be substituted by his deputy.

During the substitution the deputy of the LRU Central Control Commission member shall have all the LRU Central Control Commission member's rights. If the LRU Central Control Commission's member,

whose mandate is not suspended, arrives at the meeting of the LRU Central Control Commission and his deputy is present, only the member shall vote to adopt decisions.

77. If the chair of the LRU Central Control Commission is unable to perform his duties or is absent, he shall be substituted, as a member of the LRU Central Control Commission, by his deputy, and the Minister of National Defence shall appoint other member of the Central Control Commission to act temporarily as a chair of the Central Control Commission or as a new chair of the Central Control Commission for the remaining term of office.

78. The LRU Central Control Commission shall submit summarised report recommendations to remedy any shortcomings of activities of the LRU to the LRU Central Board and the head of the inspected object and (or) an individual responsible for the inspected activities of the LRU. The head of the inspected object and (or) an individual responsible for the inspected activities of the LRU shall draw up a plan of measures to implement the recommendations presented in the report. The LRU Commander shall issue an order appointing an individual responsible for the implementation and control of such measures.

SECTION IV

WORK PROCEDURES OF THE LRU COURT OF HONOUR

79. The proceedings before the LRU Court of Honour shall be established by the Regulations of the Court of Honour, which shall be approved by the LRU Congress upon nomination by the chair of the LRU Court of Honour.

CHAPTER V

PROEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT AND DISMISSAL OF COMMANDERS OF REGIMENTS AND THEIR UNITS, FORMATION OF COLLEGIAL AUTHORITIES AND WORK ORGANISATION, COMPETENCE AND LIABILITY

SECTION I

PROEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT AND DISMISSAL OF COMMANDERS OF REGIMENTS AND THEIR UNITS

80. Procedures for appointment, dismissal and suspension of commanders of regiments shall be provided for in the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union.

81. The riflemen shall be appointed for permanent service other than service of the LRU Commander's deputy or a commander of regiment by order of the LRU Commander, upon nomination by the commander of regiment.

82. The deputy of the commander of a company and commander of a troop shall be appointed by a written order of the commander of regiment, upon nomination by the commander of a company or the board of regiment.

83. The deputy commander of a troop, commander of a section and its deputy commander shall

be appointed by the commander of a company by his order, upon nomination by the commander of a troop.

84. The riflemen shall be dismissed from office of deputy commanders of regiments and commanders of units of regiments and their deputies by a written order of a superior commander who appointed them to office:

84.1. At the request of a rifleman (a written request is submitted to the commander who appointed him to office);

84.2. In the event that the post is cancelled due to structural changes in the LRU;

84.3. If a disciplinary penalty, i. e. dismissal from office, is imposed in the procedure laid down in this Statute;

84.4. If the membership in the LRU is terminated;

84.5. If the membership in the LRU is suspended in the procedure laid down in this Statute.

85. A rifleman shall be familiarised with the order on dismissal from office against his signature. If a rifleman refuses to be familiarised with the order on dismissal from office against his signature, a note shall be drawn up confirming the fact of refusal to sign. The note shall be signed by at least two riflemen witnessing the fact of refusal to sign.

86. When appointing riflemen to the posts of deputy commanders and commanders of units of regiments and their deputies, as well as dismissing them from office, the provisions of the Labour Code, the Law on Organization of the National Defence and the Military Service and other legal acts shall be followed.

SECTION II

PROCEDURE OF FORMATION OF COLLEGIAL AUTHORITIES AND THEIR WORK ORGANISATION, COMPETENCE AND LIABILITY

The regiment's board

87. The regiment's board shall be a collegial management authority of a regiment, helping the regiment's commander to lead activities of the regiment.

88. The regiment's board shall be formed for a period of three years. It shall consist of the commander of a regiment and his deputy in that capacity. Other seven members of the regiment's board and their deputies shall be elected by the congress of a regiment.

89. The meetings of the regiment's board shall be convened and its work shall be managed by the commander of a regiment, and if the commander is absent – by his deputy. The meetings of the regiment's board shall be convened at least once every three months.

90. The meetings of the regiment's board shall be legitimate if attended by more than half of the board members.

91. If a member of the regiment's board is unable to perform his duties or if absent, he shall be substituted by his deputy. During the substitution, the deputy of a member of the regiment's board shall have all the rights of the member of the regiment's board. If the board's member, whose

mandate is not suspended, arrives at the meeting of the regiment's board and his deputy is present, only the member shall vote to adopt decisions.

92. The decisions of the regiment's board shall be adopted by a simple majority of votes. In the case of a split vote, the chair of the meeting shall cast the deciding vote.

93. The meetings of the regiment's board shall be documented by the secretary of the meeting, appointed by the commander of a regiment. The minutes of the meeting of the regiment's board shall be stored at the regiment's headquarters.

94. The regiment's board shall:

94.1. Prepare the draft annual operational plan and annual reports of the regiment;

94.2. Consider financial and economical matters;

94.3. Help the regiment's commander to organise the implementation of the regiment's annual operational plan;

94.4. Consider candidacies to the honorary rifleman's title;

94.5. Consider awarding the proposed candidacies;

94.6. Propose the regiment's commander to convene extraordinary regiment's congresses;

94.7. Decide on other important organisational matters of the regiment's activities.

95. The regiment's board shall be entitled to:

95.1. Require from the regiment's commander and riflemen of regiment's headquarters to provide reports on activities, use of funds and accounting of assets;

95.2. Form working commissions of individual activities (culture, education, sports, youth work, publishing, economical and others);

95.3. Submit proposals to the regiment's commander on regiment's activities, management, structure, discipline and improvement of procedures;

95.4. Propose the candidates of commanders of regiment's companies to the regiment's commander.

95.5. Supervise the work of companies' boards.

96. The decisions of the regiment's board shall be advisory to the regiment's commander.

Regiment's control commission

97. The regiments' control commissions shall be elected to supervise activities of regiments.

98. The regiment's control commission shall be formed for a period of three years from five members. The members of the regiment's control commission and their deputies shall be elected by the congress of a regiment.

99. The members of the regiment's control commission and their deputies shall not be the regiment's commander and his deputies, commanders of companies, members of the regiment's board and their deputies, members of the regiment's court of honour and their deputies.

100. The chair of the commission shall convene the meetings of the regiment's control commission and shall lead its work; the chair shall be elected by and from the members of the

control commission. When electing the chair of the control committee, the priority should be given to riflemen who have higher economic, managerial or legal education.

101. The meeting of the regiment's control commission shall be lawful, if attended by more than half of members.

102. If a member of the regiment's control commission is unable to perform his duties or if absent, he shall be substituted by his deputy. During the substitution, the deputy of the member of the regiment's control commission shall have all the rights of the member of the regiment's control commission. If the member of the commission, whose mandate is not suspended, arrives at the meeting of the regiment's control commission and his deputy is present, only the member shall vote to adopt decisions.

103. The decisions of the control commission shall be adopted by a simple majority of votes. In the case of a split vote, the chair of the meeting shall cast the deciding vote.

104. The regiment's control commission shall:

104.1. At least once a year, inspect the regiment's headquarters and units' activities and the status of assets allocated to the regiment, and shall submit inspection reports to the regiment's board for consideration;

104.2. Submit the report to the regiment's congress;

104.3. Perform non-routine inspections commissioned by the regiment's commander; 104.4. Submit inspection reports to the LRU Central Control Commission.

105. The regiment's control commission shall be entitled to:

105.1. Require from the regiment's commander, riflemen of regiment's headquarters and units' commanders to provide documents necessary to perform an inspection;

105.2. Submit proposals to the LRU and the regiment's commander on the improvement of activity organisation within the regiment;

105.3. Having determined any breaches and shortcomings, indicate measures and terms for their removal and demand accounting for the removal of indicated breaches and shortcomings;

105.4. If during inspections, any breaches or irregularities by the regiment's management with features of criminal offence or an administrative violation are revealed, the commission shall provide inspection material directly to the LRU Commander or the Central Control Commission.

The regiment's Court of Honour

106. The regiment's Court of Honour shall be the regiment's authority investigating complaints lodged by the regiment's riflemen and cases pertaining to the disputes of regiment's riflemen, with the exception of the regiment's commander and his deputies.

107. The regiment's Court of Honour shall consist of six members elected for a period of three years. The members of the regiment's Court of Honour and their deputies shall be elected by the regiment's congress from at least of ten riflemen, whose candidacies shall be presented by the

regiment's commander, in consultation with the LRU Commander.

108. The meeting of the regiment's Court of Honour shall be lawful if attended by at least four members of the Court of Honour.

109. If a member of the regiment's Court of Honour is unable to perform his duties or if absent, he shall be substituted by his deputy. During the substitution, the deputy of the member of the regiment's Court of Honour shall have all the rights of the member of the regiment's Court of Honour. If the member of the Court of Honour, whose mandate is not suspended, arrives at the meeting of the regiment's Court of Honour and his deputy is present, only the member shall vote to adopt decisions.

110. The regiment's Court of Honour shall adopt its decisions by a majority of votes cast by at least of four members of the Court of Honour.

111. A member of the Court of Honour may not deal with the case in which his actions are appealed against, or if seeking to determine whether a disciplinary offence has been committed.

112. The regiment's Court of Honour shall examine:

112.1. Complaints lodged by regiment's riflemen in respect of the regiment's riflemen, except for the regiment's commander and his deputies, concerning possible violations of the Riflemen's Code of Ethics and a possible breach of the rifleman's oath or young rifleman's solemn pledge;

112.2. Complaints lodged by regiment's riflemen concerning disciplinary penalties imposed by the companies' commanders; 112.3. Information about possible disciplinary violations made by regiment's riflemen. 113. The regiment's Court of Honour shall be entitled to:

113.1. Receive information and written explanations from riflemen of the regiment's headquarters, units' commanders and other riflemen on the considered matter, as well as the material of disciplinary violation investigation completed or in course;

113.2. Invite to meetings of the Court of Honour any interested parties and witnesses;

113.3. Impose, by his decision, disciplinary penalties to regiment's riflemen for violations of the Riflemen's Code of Ethics.

114. The regulations of the regiment's Court of Honour, having regard to the sample regulations of the regiments' courts of honour approved by the LRU Court of Honour, shall be approved by the regiment's commander.

The Company's board

115. The company's board shall be an advisory body of the company's commander.

116. The company's board shall be elected for one year. It consists of five members elected in the meeting of the company's riflemen and the company's commander and his deputy in that capacity.

117. The meetings of the company's board shall be convened and led by the company's commander or, on his behalf, by the deputy company's commander.

118. The meetings of the company's board shall be legitimate if attended by more than half of the board members. The decisions of the company's board shall be adopted by a simple majority of votes.

In the case of a split vote, the chair of the meeting shall cast the deciding vote.

119. The meetings of the company's board shall be documented by the secretary of the meeting, appointed by the commander of a company. The minutes of the meeting of the company's board shall be stored at the company.

120. The Company's board shall:

120.1. Consider annual operational plans of a company;

120.2. Consider the candidacies of riflemen proposed to the regiment's commander for awarding; 120.3. Propose the company's commander to convene extraordinary meetings of the company's riflemen; 120.4. Decide on other important issues of organisation of a company. 121. The company's board shall be entitled to:

121.1. Receive activity reports from the company's commander and other riflemen;

121.2. Submit proposals to the company's commander on company's activities, management, discipline and improvement of procedures;

121.3. Submit proposals to the company's commander for candidacies of deputy troop's commander and sections' commanders, and to the regiment's commander – proposals for candidacies of company's commander and his deputies and troops' commanders.

122. The decisions of the company's board shall be advisory to the company's commander.

CHAPTER VI LRU OPERATING CONTROL

123. The LRU state (financial and operational) audit shall be carried out by the state control of the Republic of Lithuania, whereas internal audit shall be carried out by the Centralised Internal Audit Department of the Ministry of National Defence.

124. The LRU internal control, including financial control, shall be performed by the LRU Central Control Commission. Its functions and competence shall be established by the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union and Chapter IV of this Statute.

125. Internal control of regiments shall be performed by control commissions of regiments. Their functions and competence shall be established by Chapter V of this Statute.

126. The Minister of National Defence may delegate the General Inspector of National Defence to perform the inspection of the LRU ongoing military training and preparation for joint defence operations with the military, as well as to investigate possible disciplinary violations of the LRU Commander, his deputies or regiments' commanders.

127. Inspectors of the General Inspectorate of the Ministry of National Defence (hereinafter referred to as the General Inspectorate), performing the order of the Minister of National Defence or General Inspector, may enter the LRU objects at any time of the day and carry out an inspection, upon presentation of their professional card.

128. Inspectors of the General Inspectorate, in carrying out their functions, shall be entitled to:

128.1. Access to data and documents (copies, extracts), oral and (or) written explanations and employ specialists necessary for the inspection;

128.2. Invite riflemen to come to the General Inspectorate to provide explanations necessary for the General Inspectorate to carry out the inspection;

128.3. Give binding instructions to the LRU Commander, LRU units' commanders and chairs of LRU collegial authorities to eliminate the deficiencies and violations found during inspections.

129. The Minister of National Defence shall be familiarised with the act of inspection carried out by the inspector of the General Inspectorate and instructions given to the LRU Commander, LRU units' commanders and chairs of LRU collegial authorities.

130. The LRU Commander shall be subordinate, and his deputies and regiments' commanders shall be accountable to the Minister of National Defence. The LRU Commander shall also be accountable to the LRU Congress. The LRU Commander shall provide the LRU annual operational report to the Minister of National Defence and the Seimas Committee on National Security and Defence. In addition, the LRU Commander shall provide, upon demand of the Committee on National Security and Defence of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania and the Minister of National Defence, his authorised vice-minister, the following:

130.1. Information on the implementation of the LRU operational strategy and annual operational plans and operational programmes;

130.2. Information on planning and use of state budget allocations according to the LRU programme;

130.3. Regiments' annual operational plans and operational reports;

130.4. Information about activities of the LRU and regiment's management and collegial authorities and/or their operational reports;

130.5. Findings and recommendations of audit carried out by certified auditors;

130.6. Data on riflemen with permanent rifleman's service, appointed by the LRU Commander;

130.7. Information on disciplinary penalties imposed to riflemen, appointed by the Minister of National Defence;

130.8. Other requested information and (or) explanations.

CHAPTER VII

PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION TO THE LRU, SECESSION AND WITHDRAWAL FROM THE LRU, AS WELL AS PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES FOR SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE LRU

SECTION I

PROCEDURE OF ADMISSION OF INDIVIDUALS TO THE LRU

131. An individual shall be admitted to the LRU by a written order of the LRU Commander or his authorised regiment's commander. 132. A citizen of the Republic of Lithuania, who wants to become a rifleman, shall provide:

132.1. An application in the form prescribed by the LRU Commander, and if the request is made by a minor, who is not recognised fully capable, a written consent by his parents or a parent, with whom the child lives, caregivers or guardians shall be necessary;

132.2. A copy of the passport or personal identity card of the citizen of the Republic of Lithuania; citizens under

16 years shall provide a copy of birth certificate;

132.3. Document on military service, if he has one;

132.4. Two photos in the size prescribed by the LRU Commander for the personal file, registration card and certificate;

132.5. Completed personal registration card in the form prescribed by the LRU Commander;

132.6. A medical certificate in the form prescribed by the Ministry of Health with the established blood group;

132.7. A written consent to the processing of personal data;

132.8. A receipt of paid enrolment fee established by the LRU Central Board or confirmation of online payment order;

132.9. An extract from the Register of Suspected, Accused and Convicted Persons, which confirms the compliance of an individual with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 3 of Article 30 of the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union;

132.10. Other documents, if verification of an individual, who wants to become a rifleman, reveals that such documents are required in order to make sure whether the individual meets the requirements of the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union and can become a rifleman.

133. An individual shall submit the documents listed in Paragraph 132 hereof to the headquarters of the chosen troop or regiment, to which belongs the chosen troop.

134. An individual's application shall be registered, and the submitted documents shall be included in the personal file.

135. The regiment's commander or his designated rifleman shall examine the submitted documents. In order to make sure whether the individual meets the requirements of the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union, queries to the relevant state authorities may be provided;

136. Upon the decision of the LRU Commander, an individual may submit the documents referred to in Paragraph 132 hereof to an employee of the LRU headquarters (a rifleman), responsible for personnel administration, who carries out the functions specified in Paragraphs 134 and 135 hereof and who prepares an order conforming to the requirements set out in Paragraph 138 hereof.

137. The LRU Commander or his authorised regiment's commander shall take a decision regarding the admission or its refusal and inform in writing the person of the outcome of verification and the decision on his admission to the LRU no later than within three months from the date of submission of the request to admit to the LRU and other documents referred to in Paragraph 132. In individual cases, where it is necessary to obtain additional information about the individual, this time limit may be extended for no more than two months.

138. The regiment's commander or his designated rifleman shall prepare an order of the LRU

Commander regarding the admission to the LRU of an eligible person. The order shall also indicate the date and place of the rifleman's oath or young rifleman's solemn pledge, and the unit responsible for the organisation of the ceremony for taking a rifleman's oath or young rifleman's solemn pledge.

If a person on the date specified in the order fails to take a rifleman's oath or young rifleman's solemn pledge due to illness or other justifiable reason, the regiment's commander or his designated rifleman shall prepare an amendment to the order of the regiment's commander regarding admission of a person to the LRU, by indicating a new date for taking a rifleman's oath or young rifleman's solemn pledge and, if changed, the place and the person responsible for the organisation of the ceremony for taking a rifleman's oath or young rifleman's solemn pledge.

139. The order of the LRU Commander or his authorised regiment's commander shall state that a person is considered admitted to the LRU from the date of taking a rifleman's oath or young rifleman's solemn pledge.

140. The responsible person designated in the order of the LRU Commander or his authorised regiment's commander shall, not later than within three months after the signing of this order, organise a solemn ceremony for taking a rifleman's oath or young rifleman's solemn pledge.

141. The procedure for riflemen's registration and membership in the LRU shall be established by the LRU Commander.

142. An individual shall become a member of the LRU and the rifleman's service period shall be calculated from the date of taking a rifleman's oath or young rifleman's solemn pledge

143. An individual admitted to the LRU shall be supplied with a rifleman's uniform and insignia in the procedure established by the LRU Commander.

144. An individual, not admitted to the LRU, shall be entitled to appeal against the decision of the regiment's commander to the LRU Commander, whereas a decision of the LRU Commander – to the LRU Court of Honour. The LRU Commander or the LRU Court of Honour, having established that a person was refused to be admitted to the LRU without any justified reason, shall accordingly oblige the LRU or its authorised regiment's commander to admit the person to the LRU.

145. A young rifleman, no more than three months prior to attaining his majority and wishing to remain a member of the LRU, shall submit a written request to the LRU Commander or his authorised regiment's commander, who admitted him to the LRU, stating his wish to take the rifleman's oath. The regiment's commander, by his written order, shall designate the date and place of rifleman's oath and a person responsible for organising an oath ceremony.

SECTION II

PROCEDURE OF SECESSION AND WITHDRAWAL FROM THE LRU

146. Riflemen's secession and withdrawal from the LRU shall be executed by a written order of the LRU Commander or his authorised regiment's commander, who admitted him to the LRU.

147. A rifleman, who wishes to secede from the LRU, shall submit a request for secession to the

LRU Commander or his authorised regiment's commander, who admitted him to the LRU, and return the rifleman's certificate, the uniform and other material values belonging to the LRU.

148. The riflemen shall be withdrawn from the LRU on the basis provided for in the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union. A rifleman withdrawn from the LRU shall return the rifleman's certificate, the uniform and other material values belonging to the LRU.

149. Upon receipt of the rifleman's request to secede from the LRU or upon the emergence of at least one basis provided for in the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union, based on which the rifleman is withdrawn from the LRU, the LRU headquarters (if the person has been admitted by the LRU Commander) or the regiment's commander (if the person has been admitted to the LRU by the regiment's commander) or their appointed rifleman shall prepare accordingly an order of the LRU Commander or regiment's commander, which states that a person is seceded or withdrawn from the LRU.

150. The order on withdrawal from the LRU, as well as the order on secession from the LRU, if a person leaves the LRU within five years from his admission, shall specify the rifleman's obligation to return the rifleman's uniform or compensate its value if the uniform is not returned. The order shall also indicate the compensable value of the rifleman's uniform and conditions of its repayment.

151. If an individual does not return material values belonging to the LRU and the rifleman's uniform or does not reimburse the indicated value of the uniform, such an amount shall be recovered in the procedure established by laws.

152. The information about individual's secession, withdrawal from the LRU or termination of his membership in the LRU on the basis of Paragraph 5 of Article 31 of the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union shall be entered in the Riflemen's register. The Riflemen's register shall also contain information about the termination of the membership in the LRU on other bases provided for in the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union.

153. Personal files of individuals seceded or withdrawn from the LRU, as well as those whose membership in the LRU terminated on the bases provided for in the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union shall be stored in the LRU archive in the procedure laid down by laws.

SECTION III

BASES AND PROCEDURE FOR SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE LRU

154. The membership in the LRU may be suspended at the initiative of the LRU Commander, who admitted him to the LRU, or at the request of a rifleman.

155. The membership in the LRU may be suspended at the initiative of the LRU Commander, who admitted him to the LRU, if information is received and is being verified or if waiting conclusions from authorised state authorities on the rifleman's possible activity or circumstances, for which a rifleman would not conform to the requirements of the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union.

156. If the conclusion from an authorised state authority proves that the rifleman did not commit any offence and there are no circumstances for which he would not conform to the requirements of the

Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union, the LRU membership shall be renewed.

157. If an authorised state authority confirms the rifleman's offence or circumstances for which his membership has been suspended, the LRU membership shall be terminated by withdrawing him from the LRU according to the provisions laid down in Paragraph 5 of Article 30 of the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union.

158. A rifleman, who is temporarily unable to participate in the activities of the LRU for valid reasons, shall submit a written request for the suspension of the LRU membership to the LRU Commander, who admitted him to the LRU. Along with the request, the rifleman's certificate shall be presented, and the rifleman's uniform and insignia shall be returned.

159. If a rifleman, asking to suspend his membership in the LRU, holds a commander's position, he shall transfer the affairs of the unit steered by him and account for them to his immediate commander.

160. The rifleman's request to suspend his membership in the LRU shall be satisfied if he complies with the requirements set forth in Paragraphs 158 and 159 hereof. The commander, having received a rifleman's request, shall adopt a decision on the suspension of membership not later than within 14 days.

161. The term of suspension of the LRU membership at the rifleman's request may not be longer than three years. At the written request of a person, whose LRU membership has been suspended, the LRU Commander may extend the term of the suspension of LRU membership, but for no longer than one year and not more than twice.

162. Should the reasons for the suspension of LRU membership no longer be applicable, a person shall submit a written request to renew his membership to the LRU Commander or his authorised regiment's commander, who suspended his membership, indicating the membership renewal date.

163. If a person, whose LRU membership has been suspended at his request, before the expiry of membership suspension term did not request the renewal of his membership in the LRU or extend the LRU membership suspension term, or the membership suspension term may not be extended and the person did not request to renew his membership, membership, such a person shall be deemed withdrawn from the LRU, after the term of the membership suspension is expired.

164. The membership in the LRU shall be suspended, renewed, and its expiry due to reasons referred to in Paragraphs 158 and 164 hereof shall be executed by a written order of the LRU Commander or his authorised regiment's commander, who admitted him to the LRU.

165. A person shall be familiarised with the order on the suspension or renewal of his membership in the LRU against his signature. If a person refuses to be familiarised with the order against his signature, a note shall be drawn up confirming the fact of refusal to sign. The note shall be signed by at least two riflemen witnessing the fact of refusal to sign.

166. The rifleman's certificate, uniform and insignia shall be returned to a rifleman, who has renewed his membership in the LRU.

167. The rifleman's service period shall not be calculated during the suspension term of his membership. 168. The member fee shall not be paid during the

membership suspension term.

169. The headquarters' section or a rifleman, responsible for personnel administration, shall make an entry in the Riflemen's register about the suspension and renewal, as well as the end of the person's membership in the LRU.

CHAPTER VIII

RIFLEMAN'S OATH AND YOUNG RIFLEMAN'S SOLEMN PLEDGE

170. The texts of a rifleman's oath, at his choice, shall be as follows:

170.1. "I, (name, surname), who is becoming a rifleman, in your presence, swear to be faithful to the State of Lithuania and will spare no effort or life to defend and protect its independence, territorial integrity and constitutional order.

I pledge to comply with the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union, the Statute of the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union and the Riflemen's Code of Ethics, other laws, and to faithfully execute the riflemen's duties and orders given by commanders.

I pledge to respect human rights, protect the secrets and assets entrusted to me, take care of the welfare of the Republic of Lithuania and its People, and behave everywhere like an honest, disciplined and courageous rifleman.

Let the God help me."

170.2. "I, (name, surname), who is becoming a rifleman, in your presence, swear to be faithful to the State of Lithuania and will spare no effort or life to defend and protect its independence, territorial integrity and constitutional order.

I pledge to comply with the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union, the Statute of the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union and the Riflemen's Code of Ethics, other laws, and to faithfully execute the riflemen's duties and orders given by commanders.

I pledge to respect human rights, protect the secrets and assets entrusted to me, take care of the welfare of the Republic of Lithuania and its People, and behave everywhere like an honest, disciplined and courageous rifleman."

171. The texts of a young rifleman's pledge, at his choice, shall be as follows:

171.1. "I, (name, surname), who is becoming a young rifleman, in your presence, solemnly pledge to be faithful to the State of Lithuania and diligently prepare to defend freedom of Lithuanian and its independence.

I pledge to comply with the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union, the Statute of the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union and the Riflemen's Code of Ethics, other laws, and to faithfully execute the young riflemen's duties and orders given by commanders.

I pledge to respect human rights, protect the secrets and assets entrusted to me, take care of the welfare of the Republic of Lithuania and its People, and behave everywhere like an honest,

disciplined and courageous young rifleman.

Let the God help me.”

171.2. “I, (name, surname), who is becoming a rifleman, in your presence, pledge to be faithful to the State of Lithuania and will spare no effort or life to defend and protect its independence, territorial integrity and constitutional order.

I pledge to comply with the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union, the Statute of the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union and the Riflemen's Code of Ethics, other laws, and to faithfully execute the young rifleman's duties and orders given by commanders.

I pledge to respect human rights, protect the secrets and assets entrusted to me, take care of the welfare of the Republic of Lithuania and its People, and behave everywhere like an honest, disciplined and courageous young rifleman.”

172. If a person, having read the rifleman's oath or young rifleman's solemn pledge, refuses to sign accordingly the sheet of rifleman's oath or young rifleman's solemn pledge or signs it with a reservation, it shall be considered that the person did not take rifleman's oath or young rifleman's solemn pledge.

173. The ceremony of taking rifleman's oath and young rifleman's solemn pledge shall be held in the procedure established by the LRU Commander.

CHAPTER IX GENERAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF RIFLEMEN

174. The general obligations of a rifleman shall be:

174.1. Participate in trainings and practical trainings organised by the LRU, as well as other events related to the LRU activities, and prepare for armed defence and civil resistance;

174.2. Be familiarised with the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union, the Statute of the LRU, the Riflemen's Code of Ethics and other legislation regulating the internal order, discipline and activities of the LRU;

174.3. Behave ~~only~~ in the way that his conduct would not degrade the rifleman's name and discredit the LRU;

174.4. Wear tidy uniform of the LRU member, as required by the rules for wearing uniforms approved by the LRU Commander;

174.5. Properly use and protect the assets entrusted to him;

174.6. Execute commanders' orders, respect older riflemen and respect their opinions; 174.7. Pay the membership fee.

175. The riflemen shall have the following rights:

175.1. Represent their unit in the LRU and management institutions of its divisions;

175.2. Be elected to the LRU and collegial authorities of its divisions;

175.3. Provide proposals to the commanders concerning activities, management, and structure of the LRU and its divisions; 175.4. Wear the rifleman's uniform, insignia and the rifleman's sign;

175.5. Submit complaints to commanders and courts of honour in the procedure laid down in this Statute.

CHAPTER X

RIFLEMAN'S SERVICE AND DISCIPLINE

SECTION I

RIFLEMAN'S SERVICE

176. The rifleman's service shall be divided, by its nature, into the following elements: 176.1. Preparation of a rifleman;

176.2. Special service;

176.3. Young riflemen's service;

176.4. Participation in sport and cultural events organised by the LRU;

176.5. Permanent service;

176.6. Rifleman's service in the LRU battle troops.

177. Training of a rifleman (military training, preparing to carry out auxiliary defence tasks, preparing to organise and carry out civil resistance, civil protection, healthy lifestyle and other training) shall be carried out according to riflemen's training programmes approved by the LRU Commander and in accordance with the annual training plans for regiment's riflemen.

178. The annual training plans for regiment's riflemen shall be approved by the LRU Commander, upon proposal by regiment's commanders. These plans shall provide for riflemen's training and practical training (theme or nature, timing and duration, pursued objective).

179. The riflemen shall be convened to training sessions (training, courses, practical training, camps or other events) by the order of the regiment's commander.

180. Special service of a rifleman shall be carried out in the cases and procedure prescribed by the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union by providing assistance to the armed forces, the police, the State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of the Interior, forces of civil protection and rescue system and educational institutions, as well as by protecting objects and territories owned or used by the LRU and objects and territories assigned to the LRU by orders of the Minister of National Defence or contracts.

181. A rifleman shall be convened to special service by a written order of the LRU Commander or his authorised regiment's commander. The regiment's commander shall inform the LRU headquarters about a rifleman convened to special service.

182. A rifleman may be assigned to standby duty to protect the objects and territories owned or used by the LRU and objects and territories assigned to the LRU by orders of the Minister of National Defence or

contracts only with his consent for no more than 24 hours continuously, and no more than once a week.

183. The young rifleman's service shall be organised by young riflemen's training programs approved by the LRU Commander. The restrictions specified in the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union shall be applied to the young rifleman's service.

184. The riflemen may be nominated to participate in sport and cultural events organised by the LRU, by a written order of the regiment's commander, assigning them certain functions and duties. Other riflemen, who have not been assigned functions and duties by the order of the regiment's commander to be carried out during the sports or cultural events organised by the LRU, may participate in the organised event, or not, at their own decision.

185. Procedures of a rifleman's service in the LRU battle troops shall be laid down in Chapter XII of the Statute.

186. The riflemen shall be called to service referred to in Paragraphs 176.1, 176.3 and 176.4 hereof at such times that would not prevent them from performing their work or school (study) activities, i. e. on holidays, in the evenings, on school (study) holidays. If necessary (a commander, who calls the riflemen to service, specifies the reasons in his order), the riflemen may also be called to certain service during the working day.

187. The riflemen shall be called to special service in the procedure established by the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union, upon request of the appropriate authority or a decision of the LRU Central Board to protect objects and territories owned or used by the LRU and objects and territories assigned to the LRU by the Minister of National Defence.

188. The riflemen may also perform other types of rifleman's service, as provided for in the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union, contracts on cooperation with other institutions, made by the LRU on the basis of this Law, as well as by performing civic and national education and other non-formal education programmes or by participating in their implementation.

189. A rifleman, who has been injured or his health was otherwise impaired during the rifleman's service, shall be sent by the LRU Commander and regiments' commanders to establish his health impairment severity in the procedure prescribed by the Regulations on Military Medical Expertise, approved by the Resolution No. 1125 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania „Concerning the Approval of the Regulations on Military Medical Expertise“ of 12 July 2002.

SECTION II

RIFLEMEN'S SUBORDINATION

190. When performing a rifleman's service, riflemen may be a commander or a subordinate to each other. A rifleman, who has been charged to permanently or temporarily lead other riflemen according to the laws, shall be a commander of those riflemen, and the riflemen, led by him, shall be his subordinates.

191. If riflemen, holding equivalent positions, perform common tasks, one of them shall be appointed a commander by the order of senior commander.

192. The following positions shall be set to regulate relations among riflemen (from lowest to highest):

192.1. Ordinary rifleman;

192.2. Section's deputy commander;

- 192.3. Section's commander (section leader);
- 192.4. Troop's deputy commander (troop leader);
- 192.5. Troop's commander;
- 192.6. Company's deputy commander;
- 192.7. Company's commander;
- 192.8. Regiment's deputy commander;
- 192.9. Regiment's commander;
- 192.10. Deputy of the LRU Commander – young riflemen's commander; 192.11. Deputy of the LRU Commander;
- 192.12. The LRU Commander.

193. The commander shall be responsible for the internal procedures of his unit, riflemen's training, discipline, assets and funds assigned to the unit.

194. Commanders shall have the right to assign tasks to their subordinates, give orders and require that these be carried out; they may impose disciplinary penalties and incentives to them in the procedure established by the Statute according to their competence.

195. The superior commander, finding that the order of the lower commander is in conflict with the laws of the Republic of Lithuania, this Statute and other legal acts regulating the LRU activities or with the LRU interests, shall cancel such an order.

196. Detailed obligations and rights of commanders shall be laid down in their job descriptions.

197. Procedures and conditions of rifleman's service organisation, as far as they are not regulated in this Statute, shall be set by internal rules of procedure and the Statute of Riflemen's Formation approved by the LRU Commander.

SECTION III

CHARACTERISTICS OF SERVICE OF THE LRU COMMANDER, HIS DEPUTIES, REGIMENT'S COMMANDERS AND OTHER RIFLEMEN WORKING UNDER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS, RELATED TO THEIR WORK TIME STRUCTURE, DURATION AND REGIME

198. The LRU Commander, his deputies, regiments' commanders and other riflemen, working under employment contracts for the LRU, shall be considered riflemen performing permanent service, and this Statute and internal legal acts of the LRU may establish particular working time structure, duration and regime for a rifleman's service.

The work schedule of riflemen holding permanent rifleman's positions (start and end of daily work, as well as distribution of service and rest time per day, week, or accounting period) shall be determined by the LRU commander. If necessary, the Minister of National Defence shall establish the work schedule of the LRU Commander.

The work schedule of the LRU Commander and regiments' commanders shall be determined so as to enable at least once a week to accept riflemen and other interested persons during a working day after normal working hours.

199. When it is necessary for organising the LRU training, practical training or other events, to lead them or participate in them, the functions of the LRU Commander, his deputies, regiments' commanders, as well as riflemen working under employment contracts may be carried out on weekends and holidays, and their daily working time per day may exceed eight working hours.

200. The riflemen performing permanent service shall be compensated for overtime, work on weekends and holidays in the procedure established by the Labour Code of the Republic of Lithuania.

201. The riflemen working under employment contracts may be assigned to standby duty in the procedure established by laws. If the number of working hours exceeds that set for the total working time accounting period, the working day for riflemen may be shortened, at their request, or a day of rest (days) may be given in the procedure established by the LRU Commander.

202. The time worked by riflemen performing permanent service shall be registered on the time-sheets in the sample form approved by the Government.

CHAPTER XI CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUNG RIFLEMEN'S SERVICE

203. Young riflemen shall perform a rifleman's service referred to in Paragraphs 176.1, 176.3 and 176.4 hereof in the procedure laid down in Chapter X, with the following restrictions:

203.1. Young riflemen, who are not recognised fully capable, a written consent by their parents or a parent, with whom the child lives, caregivers or guardians shall be necessary to participate in more than one-day long training, practical training, courses, camps or other events;

203.2. Military training for young riflemen shall be replaced by military preparation of young riflemen for military service;

203.3. A young rifleman may not be assigned to be responsible for security of young riflemen during training, practical training, courses, camps or other events, as well as other young rifleman's service.

204. Commander of the LRU young riflemen shall be one of the deputies of the LRU Commander.

205. The following positions shall be set to regulate relations among young riflemen (from lowest to highest):

205.1. Young rifleman;

205.2. Section's deputy commander; 205.3.

Section's commander;

205.4. Troop's deputy commander;

205.5. Troop's commander;

205.6. Regiment's young riflemen's deputy commander (appointed from among young riflemen);

205.7. Regiment's young riflemen's commander;

205.8. Deputy of the LRU Commander–young riflemen's commander;

206. Only adult riflemen may be appointed as regiment's young riflemen's commanders. Regiment's young riflemen's commanders shall be directly subordinate to the regiments' commanders.

207. Deputy of the LRU Commander–young riflemen's commander shall:

207.1. Convene, at least three times a year, meetings of the young riflemen's council and chair them;

207.2. prepare the annual LRU young riflemen's operational report and submit it for consideration to the young riflemen's council, and when the report is approved by the young riflemen's council – to the LRU Commander; 207.3. Participate in the development of training programmes and annual educational plans for young riflemen;

207.4. Represent the LRU young riflemen in the state and municipal institutions, public events, as well as international non-governmental organisations;

207.5. Participate in the meetings of the LRU Central Board in considering matters related to the young riflemen's activities and working with youth;

207.6. Draft the LRU internal legal acts regulating young riflemen's activities, submit them for consideration to the LRU young riflemen's council and the LRU Central Board;

207.7. Perform other functions listed in his job descriptions.

208. The LRU young riflemen's council helps the deputy of the LRU Commander–young riflemen's commander organise activities, and the regiment's young riflemen's council helps the regiment's young riflemen's commander organise such activities. Young riflemen's councils shall be advisory bodies.

209. The LRU young riflemen's council shall consist of the LRU deputy commander–young riflemen's commander and regiment's young riflemen's commanders. The regiment's young riflemen's council shall consist of regiment's young riflemen's commander and one young rifleman of each regiment's company, elected by the riflemen's company board.

210. The young riflemen's council shall consider matters related to:

210.1. Organisation of young riflemen's activities;

210.2. Young riflemen's attributes;

210.3. Young riflemen's behaviour;

210.4. The LRU promotion among youth;

210.5. Cooperation with youth organisations;

210.6. Other matters related to the young riflemen's activities.

CHAPTER XII

FORMATION OF LRU BATTLE TROOPS AND RIFLEMAN'S SERVICE IN A BATTLE TROOP

211. The LRU battle troops shall be formed of riflemen, who have expressed a desire (submitted a written request for a service in the LRU battle troop to the commander of a regiment incorporating a battle troop) and meet the following requirements:

211.1. Have performed compulsory military service;

211.2. Are suitable for rifleman's service in a battle troop according to the state of health; 211.3. Is not engaged in active military service;

211.4. Are not statutory officials of the bodies of internal affairs system, which during armed defence against aggression (war) are assigned to the armed forces.

212. The LRU battle troops are made up of at least 24 young riflemen in accordance with the structural requirements set for a military troop. Once the LRU battle troop is formed, the LRU Commander shall inform the military commander about the formed LRU battle troop. The LRU battle troop shall be assigned to a

military unit in the procedure established by the military commander.

213. In the procedure established by the military commander, the LRU battle troops shall be provided with the field uniforms and accoutrements of the set model.

214. The riflemen of the LRU battle troops shall be prepared under military training programmes of the military unit, to which the LRU battle troop has been assigned. If needed, the LRU battle troops may be prepared in military training centres, other military units, military training areas or polygons, following the procedure established by the military commander.

215. According to the procedure established by the military commander, joint training of the military unit, to which the LRU battle troop has been assigned, and the LRU battle troop may be organised. During joint training the LRU battle troop shall be subordinate to the commander of the military unit, to which it has been assigned, and the riflemen of the LRU battle troop shall be subject to the statutes regulating military service. A rifleman shall be responsible for assets and other material values transferred, entrusted to him or to be protected during practical training. A rifleman shall be responsible for the loss or damage of the entrusted assets according to the laws.

216. The riflemen of the LRU battle troop shall be called to training and practical training by the order of the LRU Commander or his authorised regiment's commander according to the annual training and practical training schedule. The annual training and practical training schedule of the LRU battle troop shall be approved by the LRU Commander, upon coordination with the military commander.

217. The military commander shall establish requirements for the LRU battle troops and a detailed procedure of their interaction with military units.

218. The riflemen, who have not performed compulsory military service, but who wish to serve in the LRU battle troop, shall submit a request to the regiment's commander, who, within one year from the receipt of the request, shall send a rifleman to courses for basic military preparation, organised by the LRU Commander, in cooperation with the military commander. The courses for basic military preparation shall be carried out according to the programme approved by the military commander.

CHAPTER XIII

PROCEDURES FOR PAYMENT OF ENTRANCE AND LRU MEMBER FEE AND TARGET CONTRIBUTIONS

219. The entrance fee shall be paid upon submitting a request for admission to the LRU and other documents referred to in Paragraph 132 hereof. If it is established that the person does not meet the requirements laid down in the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union, he shall not be admitted to the LRU, and the entrance fee shall not be refunded.

220. The LRU membership fee shall be paid annually. According to the decision of the regiment's board, the annual LRU membership fee may be paid in instalments, but the annual membership fee payment may not be divided into more than four payments per year.

221. At the request of a rifleman, the regiment's commander may delay the payment of the membership fee or its part, but for no longer than until the end of the calendar year.

222. Riflemen may pay target contributions to:

222.1. Support the riflemen's journal "Trinitas";

222.2. Maintain and improve the riflemen's infrastructure;

222.3. Implement other objectives of the LRU activity.

223. The LRU Central Board shall determine the procedure for the use of entrance and membership fees.

224. The entrance fee, membership fee and target contributions shall be paid by payment order to the LRU bank account; its number and other payment order requisites shall be made public in the LRU units.

CHAPTER XIV

RIFLEMEN'S UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA AND THE PROCEDURE FOR THEIR WEARING

225. The following types of riflemen's uniforms shall be established (Annex 2): 225.1. field uniform;

225.2. Festive young rifleman's uniform; 225.3.

Festive rifleman's uniform;

225.4. Honorary guard rifleman's uniform.

226. Only the LRU members can wear the rifleman's uniform and only when participating in the activities of LRU or going to (from) activity event (s), as well as taking part in state and military celebrations.

227. The field uniform is usually worn during the LRU events (training, courses, practical training, camps or other) aimed at rifleman's formation, which are carried out in the field.

228. Festive rifleman or young rifleman's uniform shall be usually worn:

228.1. During the LRU events (training, courses, practical training, repetitions and other) aimed at rifleman's formation, which are carried out in closed rooms;

228.2. During solemn lines, memorable days, the military and the LRU festivals, official receptions and other occasions, upon the decision of the company's commander;

228.3. Performing permanent service at the LRU;

228.4. Participating in activities of the LRU, regiments and companies' management authorities;

228.5. Performing other duties of the rifleman's service, unless otherwise instructed by commanders.

228.6. An honorary guard rifleman shall wear his uniform during solemn lines, memorable days, the Lithuanian army and LRU festivals, official receptions and other cases indicated by the LRU Commander.

229. A rifleman, designated for special service, shall wear the type of uniform that is indicated in the order issued by the LRU Commander or regiment's commander to perform special service. If the type of uniform is not indicated in the order, the field uniform shall be worn.

230. It is forbidden to wear:

230.1. Rifleman's uniform of unspecified model; 230.2.

Untidy rifleman's uniform;

230.3. Separate parts of the rifleman's uniform with other clothing.

231. Honorary riflemen, who are former members of the LRU, by the order of the LRU Commander, shall be entitled to wear a rifleman's uniform during solemn meetings and events, celebrations and remembrance days.

232. A defunct rifleman, upon the consent of the LRU Commander, may be laid to rest in the rifleman's

uniform. The procedure of burial of a rifleman in the rifleman's uniform shall be established by the LRU Commander.

233. The rifleman's uniforms shall be worn with insignia. The insignia of rifleman's uniforms (Annex 3) shall be the following:

- 233.1. Rifleman's badge;
- 233.2. Flash of a rifleman's badge;
- 233.3. The LRU Commander badge;
- 233.4. Pillars of Gediminids;
- 233.5. Flash "Lietuvos valstybės vėliava" (The Lithuanian Flag);
- 233.6. Flashes of the LRU headquarters and regiments;
- 233.7. Festive cap and beret cap badge;
- 233.8. Field uniform cap badge;
- 233.9. Uniform buttons;
- 233.10. The LRU instructor badge; 233.11. Tie clip;
- 233.12. Position badges.

234. It is forbidden to put and wear insignia, except a rifleman's badge, the LRU Commander's badge and the LRU honorary rifleman's badge, with other clothing.

235. The LRU Commander shall approve the rules for wearing a rifleman's uniform and insignia.

CHAPTER XV

INCENTIVES AND AWARDS TO RIFLEMEN FOR IMPECCABLE AND EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE OF RIFLEMEN'S DUTIES

AND REWARD OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS WITH MERITS TO THE LRU

236. The rifleman may be encouraged and rewarded for their impeccable and exemplary fulfilment of rifleman's duties in the following ways:

- 236.1. By a letter of gratitude of the regiment's commander;
- 236.2. 236.1. By a letter of gratitude of the LRU Commander;
- 236.3. Personalised gift by the LRU Commander;
- 236.4. The LRU Jubilee Medal "Už tarnystę Tėvynei" (For Serving Homeland);
- 236.5. The LRU distinction mark "Už nuopelnus Šaulių sąjungai" (For merits to the Rifleman's Union);

237. Rifleman may be nominated for rewards of the National Defence system – Rifleman's Star and Rifleman's Star Medal.

237. Rifleman shall be encouraged and receive the LRU awards by a written order of the commander. Honourable mention by a respective commander shall be made and a personalised gift, badge or medal shall

be awarded during the solemn formation.

238. The troop's commander shall have the right to submit proposals to the company's commander regarding incentives and awards to his troop's riflemen.

239. The company's commander shall submit proposals to the regiment's commander regarding incentives and awards to his troop's riflemen.

240. The regiment's commander shall have the right to give incentives to the regiment's riflemen by his letter of gratitude, as well as provide suggestions to the LRU Commander for higher rewards to regiment's riflemen.

241. The LRU Commander shall be entitled to give incentives to the LRU riflemen by a letter of gratitude and personalised gift.

242. The LRU Commander shall reward the riflemen with the LRU Jubilee Medal "Už tarnystę Tėvynei" (For Serving Homeland) and the LRU distinction mark "Už nuopelnus Šaulių sąjungai" (For merits to the Riflemen's Union), and he shall also provide suggestions to the Minister of National Defence for state awards to the riflemen – Rifleman's Star and Rifleman's Star Medal, upon the proposal of the LRU Awards Commission. The LRU Commander shall also have the right, according to the procedure established by laws, to submit proposals to the Minister of National Defence for granting other state awards to the riflemen.

243. The LRU Awards Commission, which is an advisory body of the LRU Commander, shall consist of five members. Its composition shall be approved by the LRU Commander. The work procedure of the LRU Awards Commission, procedure for proposing candidates to be awarded, criteria for evaluation of candidates and decision-making principles shall be determined by the Rules on proposing the LRU members to be awarded, approved by the LRU Commander.

244. The regulations of the LRU Jubilee Medal "Už tarnystę Tėvynei" (For Serving Homeland) and the LRU distinction mark "Už nuopelnus Šaulių sąjungai" (For merits to the Riflemen's Union) shall be approved by the LRU Commander.

CHAPTER XVI

DISCIPLINARY RESPONSIBILITY OF RIFLEMEN

SECTION I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

245. A disciplinary penalty shall be imposed on a rifleman, who committed a disciplinary offence, i. e. offences (intentional or negligent) defined in this chapter of the Statute. Only one disciplinary penalty shall be imposed for a disciplinary offence.

246. The disciplinary responsibility of a rifleman, who is a member of professional military service and who has been transferred to permanent rifleman's position by the order of the Minister of National Defence, shall be regulated by the Disciplinary Statute of Lithuanian Armed Forces, and the provisions of this chapter shall not apply to him.

247. A rifleman shall not be responsible for damage caused by a proper execution of a lawful order.

248. A rifleman, who refused to carry out an unlawful order, i. e. such an order, by which he is forced

to break the rifleman's oath or a young rifleman's solemn pledge, to violate the law, to serve another individual or a group of persons, with the exception of official duties, shall not be subject to disciplinary proceedings.

249. If a rifleman realises that he has been given an unlawful order, he shall not be obliged to execute it and shall notify the superior commander in respect to the commander who gave an unlawful order. If a rifleman cannot do this immediately due to the circumstances beyond his control, he shall make this effort, once it is possible.

250. The commander, having found out about offence, committed or being committed by a rifleman, shall immediately initiate a disciplinary offence investigation.

251. The riflemen, suspected of having committed a gross disciplinary violation or a breach of the rifleman's oath or young rifleman's solemn pledge, may be relieved of their responsibilities until the end of disciplinary investigation or proceedings.

252. The LRU Commander, his deputy and regiments' commanders shall be removed from office by the Minister of National Defence. Other riflemen shall be removed from office by the commander or the Court of Honour, which is entitled to impose a disciplinary penalty in accordance with this Statute.

253. The remuneration shall not be paid to riflemen holding permanent posts, during the period of their removal from office.

254. If, during the disciplinary investigation, indications of a criminal offence or an administrative violation are found, the investigating individuals shall immediately inform the state authority authorised by law and provide it with all the material necessary for pre-trial investigation or an administrative violation case.

255. A rifleman, who violates the procedure of disciplinary investigation, shall respond in the procedure established by the Statute.

SECTION II

DISCIPLINARY INVESTIGATION

256. Disciplinary offences related to the violations of the Riflemen's Code of Ethics shall be investigated by the Courts of Honour in the procedure established by the regulations of these courts.

257. Other disciplinary offences shall be investigated by:

257.1. The commander of the rifleman, suspected of committing a disciplinary offence, having the right to impose disciplinary penalties, or another rifleman authorised by him;

257.2. General inspector of the national defence, commissioned by the Minister of National Defence. 258. The individual investigating a disciplinary offence shall:

258.1. For disciplinary offences, which are obvious and indisputable, take a written explanation from the individual having committed disciplinary offence, stating the fact of disciplinary misconduct;

258.2. For other disciplinary offences, authorise an official investigation by a written order.

258. A rifleman shall be forbidden to perform official investigation if:

258.1. He is a participant of investigated disciplinary offence;

258.2. He is a relative or family member of investigated disciplinary offence; 258.3. He is

subordinate to the participant of investigated disciplinary offence;

258.4. There are other circumstances in which the investigator may be biased.

259. In the case of the circumstances set forth in Paragraph 258 hereof, the rifleman appointed by the commander shall immediately inform the commander, who appointed him, and the latter shall decide on the suspension of investigator and appointment of another investigator.

260. An individual who conducts an official investigation shall completely, thoroughly and objectively investigate the circumstances of a disciplinary offence; such an individual must keep the information about personal data which he discovers during the investigation.

261. The disciplinary investigation shall be carried out no later than within one month from the date of the written order, by which an official investigation has been appointed.

262. The term of official investigation for several disciplinary offences, or if disciplinary offence is committed by a group of riflemen, may be extended by a written order of the individual who appointed official investigation, but for no longer than one month.

263. Where the exigencies of official investigation, suspension of the individual carrying out investigation or his illness require that the official investigation is assigned to another individual, as well as if material and conclusion of official investigation is returned to the investigators, a new term shall be established, but not longer than a month.

264. When a rifleman, who is suspected of having committed a disciplinary offence, may not provide an explanation for health reasons and has a certificate issued by the treating doctor, the official inspection shall be suspended until the extinction of the reasons for its suspension.

265. The individual, who carried out an official investigation, shall issue a conclusion of official investigation, stating the following:

265.1. Substance, place, time, offence methods, goals, motives, effects and other essential circumstances of disciplinary offence;

265.2. Inculpatory and exculpatory evidence of the event of disciplinary offence and the offender's guilt;

265.3. Offender's explanations, his defence arguments and verification results;

265.4. Circumstances that may mitigate or aggravate liability of the offender;

265.5. Data characterising the discipline violator (name, surname, office location and position, imposed penalties and incentives);

265.6. Paragraph of this Statute, referring to a disciplinary offence; 265.7. Proposed disciplinary penalty;

265.8 Proposal to report to the police about the signs of criminality, and to provide it with all the material required for pre-trial investigation;

265.9. Proposal to transfer material of official investigation to the LRU Court of Honour, if a disciplinary offence is related to the violation of a rifleman's oath or young riflemen's pledge, as well as if a disciplinary offence is related to the breach of the Riflemen's Code of Ethics;

265.10. Proposal to terminate official investigation if it is not possible to determine the fact of a disciplinary offence or in the absence of such an offence or an offender.

266. An individual, having performed an official investigation, shall sign its conclusion and together with all the material collected during the investigation transmit it to the individual having authorised the official

investigation.

267. The commander, who has authorised an official investigation, shall control the course of the official investigation and decide on the matter of suspending the person performing an official investigation, as well as evaluate the conclusion of an official investigation, and where the official investigation is carried out by the General Inspector of National Defence, these actions shall be performed by the Minister of National Defence.

268. The commander, who has authorised an official investigation, and where the official investigation was carried out by the General Inspector of National Defence – the Minister of National Defence, having evaluated the official investigation report, shall:

268.1. Confirm the conclusion of official investigation and impose a disciplinary penalty;

268.2. Return the material and conclusion of official investigation to complement the investigation;

268.3. Interrupt the official investigation;

268.4. 265.9. Transfer material of official investigation to the LRU Court of Honour, if a disciplinary offence is related to the violation of a rifleman's oath or young riflemen's pledge, as well as if a disciplinary offence is related to the breach of the Riflemen's Code of Ethics;

269. If the commander, having evaluated the conclusion of official investigation, found that his subordinate rifleman made the disciplinary offence for which he must be given a more severe disciplinary penalty and he has no right to impose it, he shall transmit the material and conclusion of a disciplinary offence investigation to the superior commander, and the LRU Commander – to the Minister of National Defence, who may impose a disciplinary penalty.

SECTION III

DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES AND PROCEDURE FOR THEIR IMPOSITION AND EXECUTION

270. The following disciplinary penalties may be imposed on a rifleman:

270.1. Reprimand;

270.2. Severe reprimand;

270.3. Ban on wearing a rifleman's uniform up to six months, except for training and practical training;

270.4. Dismissal from office;

270.5. Withdrawal from the LRU.

271. When imposing a disciplinary penalty, the following elements shall be taken into account: 271.1.

Nature of committed disciplinary offence; 271.2. Form of guilt;

271.3. Offender's personality;

271.4. Circumstances that may mitigate or aggravate liability.

272. Circumstances that may mitigate liability for disciplinary offences shall be:

272.1. The offender reports to have committed a disciplinary offence;

272.2. The offender sincerely regrets and/or helped to clarify the circumstances of the offence;

272.3. The offender prevented harmful consequences of a disciplinary offence and voluntarily eliminated the damages;

272.4. Disciplinary offence has been committed due to high excitement caused by the unlawful actions of the victim;

272.5. Disciplinary offence has been committed under mental or physical coercion, if such abuse does not exclude the disciplinary liability;

272.6. Disciplinary offence has been committed in violation of the conditions of necessity;

272.7. Disciplinary offence has been committed beyond the limits of necessary self-defence;

272.8. Other extenuating circumstances, recognised as significant by the individual imposing a disciplinary sanction or by the Court of Honour.

273. Circumstances that may aggravate liability for disciplinary offences shall be:

273.1. Disciplinary offence has continued, despite the requirement to interrupt it;

273.2. Serious disciplinary offence was committed repeatedly within a year or other disciplinary offence was committed repeatedly within six months;

273.3. Disciplinary offence was committed by a group of riflemen;

273.4. Disciplinary offence was committed by an individual intoxicated with alcohol, narcotic, psychotropic or other psychoactive substances.

274. Disciplinary penalty shall not be imposed if one year has passed from committing such a disciplinary offence.

275. Disciplinary penalties shall be imposed by:

275.1. Company's commander, regiment's commander, the LRU Commander, the Minister of National Defence by their written order, in compliance with the conclusion of the official investigation made in the procedure established by this Statute or a written explanation of the rifleman having committed a disciplinary offence, which confirm the fact of a disciplinary offence provided for in this Statute;

275.2. The Court of Honour, having examined the case in the procedure established by the Regulations of this court, by its collegial decision.

276. The company's commander may impose the following disciplinary penalties to his subordinate riflemen: 276.1. Reprimand;

276.2. Severe reprimand;

276.3. Ban on wearing a rifleman's uniform up to three months, except for training and practical training; 276.4. Dismissal from office up to section's commander inclusive;

277. The regiment's commander may impose the following disciplinary penalties to his subordinate riflemen: 277.1. Reprimand;

277.2. Severe reprimand;

277.3. Ban on wearing a rifleman's uniform up to six months, except for training and practical training; 277.4. Dismissal from office up to troop's commander inclusive;

278. The LRU Commander may impose the following disciplinary penalties: 278.1. Reprimand;

278.2. Severe reprimand;

278.3. Ban on wearing a rifleman's uniform up to six months, except for training and practical training;

278.4. Dismissal from office, except for the LRU deputy commanders and regiment's commanders;

278.5. Withdrawal from the LRU, except for the LRU deputy commanders and regiment's commanders;

279. The regiment's Court of Honour shall impose disciplinary penalties for violations of the Riflemen's Code of Ethics on riflemen up to company's commander inclusive.

280. The LRU Court of Honour shall impose disciplinary penalties for violations of the Riflemen's Code of Ethics on the LRU Commander and his deputies, riflemen of the LRU headquarters, members of the LRU Central Board and their deputies, members of the LRU Central Control Commission and their deputies, members of the LRU Court of Honour and their deputies, regiments' commanders and their deputies.

281. The Minister of National Defence shall impose disciplinary penalties on:

281.1. The LRU Commander, with the exception of disciplinary penalties for violations of the Riflemen's Code of Ethics;

281.2. Dismissal from office – on the LRU deputy commanders and regiment's commanders;

282. Dismissal from permanent office, i. e. riflemen's positions, to which they are admitted under employment contracts, shall be carried out according to the procedure established in the Labour Code.

283. A rifleman shall be familiarised with the imposed disciplinary penalty against his signature no later than within five working days from its imposition. If a rifleman refuses to be familiarised with the imposed disciplinary penalty against his signature, a note shall be drawn up confirming the fact of refusal to sign. The note shall be signed by at least two riflemen witnessing the fact of refusal to sign.

284. A disciplinary penalty shall enter into force from the moment of the rifleman's familiarisation with its imposition and shall be valid until the expiry of its validity.

285. The validity period of disciplinary penalties shall be as follows:

285.1. Reprimand – six months;

285.2. Severe reprimand – one year;

285.3. Ban on wearing a rifleman's uniform up to six months, except for training and practical training – the period of disciplinary penalty, indicated in the order or decision of the Court of Honour.

286. The superior commander, and if the disciplinary penalty was appointed by the regiment's Court of Honour – the LRU Court of Honour, by a written order or collegial decision, respectively, may shorten the validity period of a disciplinary penalty if the rifleman improves his behaviour and application of a disciplinary penalty is no longer appropriate.

287. Appeal against a disciplinary penalty shall not suspend its execution.

288. During the validity period of a disciplinary penalty, a rifleman may not be granted incentives or gifts and may not be appointed to superior positions.

289. If a superior commander or the LRU Court of Honour finds out that the disciplinary penalty has been imposed in violation of this Statute, it shall be considered invalid, and the material and conclusion of official investigation shall be returned to investigators. An additional investigation shall be carried out no later than within one month from the date of the written order, by which an additional investigation has been appointed.

SECTION IV

DISCIPLINARY OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

290. Severe disciplinary offences committed by riflemen shall be: 290.1. Violation of duty rules;

290.2. Loss, damage or destruction of the LRU property entrusted to a rifleman, if it does not incur criminal

liability;

290.3. Loss or damage of a strict accounting document;

290.4. Offence humiliating a rifleman's name or discrediting the LRU, which obviously undermines the authority of a rifleman, or compromise the LRU;

290.5. Participation in the LRU activities when intoxicated with alcohol, narcotic, psychotropic or other psychoactive substances;

290.6. Intentional presentation of false knowledge about oneself, own relationships and interests that may be relevant to proving suitability to be a member of the LRU or performing service duties, or concealment of such knowledge when filling in the personal data form;

290.7. Giving the illegal order and (or) obliging to follow it;

290.8. Execution of the illegal order, if it does not incur criminal liability;

290.9. Absence without leave (without notifying the direct commander) from training, practical training or other LRU event or absence, whether intentionally or through negligence, from training, practical training or other LSS event at a predetermined time;

290.10. Desecration of the LRU symbols (flags, badges, uniforms and other);

290.11. Abuse of office, i. e. intentional use of official position for selfish purposes opposing to the LRU interests, if it does not incur criminal responsibility;

290.12. Non-performance of rifleman's duties provided for in the Law on the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union, this Statute, job descriptions and other legislation regulating the internal order, or improper performance through carelessness or negligence;

290.13. Misuse of official powers, if it does not incur criminal liability;

290.14. Violation of the rules on using weapons, ammunition, explosives and military equipment;

290.15. Violation of procedures concerning disciplinary investigation, imposition of disciplinary penalties, enforcement and appeal as prescribed by this Statute;

290.16. False explanation of the disciplinary offence or obliging any other person to give false explanation;

291. In the event of serious disciplinary offences, a severe reprimand shall be imposed to riflemen or a ban on wearing a rifleman's uniform up to six months, except for training and practical training, or a dismissal from office or withdrawal from the LRU.

292. In the event of serious disciplinary offences committed in aggravating circumstances, a rifleman shall be removed from the LRU.

293. Other disciplinary offences committed by riflemen shall be:

293.1. Violation of provisions of the Riflemen's Code of Ethics;

293.2. Violation of the procedure and rules on wearing a uniform, as well as illegal wearing of awards and other distinction marks;

293.3. Violation of the rules on the regiment's Statute;

293.4. Violation of procedures of granting awards and incentives provided for in this Statute and other legal acts.

294. In the event of other disciplinary offences, a reprimand or a severe reprimand shall be imposed to riflemen or a ban on wearing a rifleman's uniform up to three months, except for training and practical

training.

295. In the event of other disciplinary offences committed in aggravating circumstances, a ban on wearing a rifleman's uniform up to six months, except for training and practical training, or removal from office shall be imposed on riflemen.

SECTION V

PROCEDURES FOR LODGING COMPLAINTS AND THEIR EXAMINATION

296. A rifleman shall have the right to lodge a complaint, when there is a violation of the rights guaranteed by laws and other legal acts or when he receives an illegal order.

297. The complaints shall be filed to the direct commander of the rifleman whose actions are contested, and if a complaint is filed against the direct commander – to the superior commander, as well as to the relevant Court of Honour.

298. The LRU Court of Honour shall receive and examine the complaints regarding:

298.1. Actions of the LRU Commander and his deputies, riflemen of the LRU headquarters, members of the LRU Central Board and their deputies, members of the LRU Central Control Commission and their deputies, members of the LRU Court of Honour and their deputies, regiments' commanders and their deputies or possible disciplinary offences committed by them and a possible breach of a rifleman's oath;

298.2. Disciplinary penalties imposed by the LRU Commander and regiments' commanders; 298.3. Decisions adopted by the regiments' courts of honour.

299. The regiment's Court of Honour shall receive and examine the complaints regarding:

299.1. Possible violations of the Riflemen's Code of Ethics committed by the regiment's riflemen, except for the regiment's commander and his deputy, and a possible breach of the rifleman's oath or young rifleman's solemn pledge;

299.2. Disciplinary penalties imposed by the companies' commanders.

300. Other complaints shall be filed to the direct commander of the rifleman whose actions are contested, and if a complaint is filed against the direct commander – to the superior commander.

301. A complaint shall be filed in writing (by mail, fax or delivered to the addressee by hand) no later than within one month from the date on which a rifleman knew or should have known about the violation of his rights. This period may be extended if it was missed due to illness or other circumstances recognised as important by the individual examining the complaint.

302. The commander, having received the complaint and decided that contested actions may be related to the breach of a rifleman's oath or young riflemen's pledge, or the violation of the norms of the Riflemen's Code of Ethics Code, shall forward the complaint to the appropriate Court of Honour.

303. If the regiment's Court of Honour, having received and considered the complaint on a possible disciplinary offence, finds any sign of a disciplinary defence other than defences referred to

in the Riflemen's Code of Ethics, it shall transmit the material of the complaint to the contested rifleman's commander, who is entitled to impose disciplinary penalties.

304. The LRU Court of Honour, having received a complaint concerning the possible disciplinary offence committed by the LRU Commander or a possible breach of a rifleman's oath, shall immediately inform the Minister of National Defence and begin to investigate the complaint. If the Minister of National Defence delegates the investigation of the complaint to the Inspector General of National Defence, the LRU Court of Honour shall be informed about it, terminate the examination of the complaint and transmit the material to the Inspector General.

305. The circumstances set out in the complaint shall be investigated in accordance with the procedure and terms established by this chapter of the Statute, and if the complaint is examined by the Court of Honour – according to the procedure established by the regulations of the Court of Honour.

306. The rifleman, who lodged a complaint, shall be informed in writing about the outcomes of the examination. If within a month from the date of filing the complaint a rifleman does not get a response to his complaint or a report about the extension of the examination of the complaint, he shall be entitled to lodge a complaint to the direct commander of the commander, to whom the complaint was filed, or the LRU Court of Honour, if the complaint was lodged to the regiment's Court of Honour.

307. If a rifleman disagrees with the decision, adopted in respect of his complaint, he shall be entitled to appeal against this decision to the commander, to whom the commander having adopted a decision is subordinate, and the decision of the regiment's Court of Honour – to the LRU Court of Honour.

308. The commanders shall be prohibited to forward the complaint to the commander, whose actions are appealed.

CHAPTER XVII

THE LRU FLAG AND SIGN, PROCEDURE FOR THE USE OF THE LRU FLAG AND SIGN

SECTION I

THE LRU FLAG AND PROCEDURE FOR ITS USAGE

309. The LRU flag shall be the principal symbol of the LRU.

310. The standard LRU flag (pattern and description), agreed with the Lithuanian Heraldry Commission, is presented in Annex 4 of the Statute.

311. The riflemen shall respect the LRU flag, and the LRU Commander shall ensure that the flag is hung in the most respectable place.

312. The LRU flag shall be tidy and unfaded. 313. The LRU flag shall be used:

313.1. During solemn LRU events and processions;

313.2. At the ceremony of a rifleman's oath and young rifleman's solemn pledge; 313.3. During the LRU Congress:

313.4. At the LRU headquarters, when receiving the high-ranking guests: The President of the Republic, the Speaker of the Seimas, the Prime Minister, the Minister of National Defence, the Lithuanian army commander, etc.;

313.5. In other special cases, upon the decision of the LRU commander.

314. The LRU flag standard pattern may be used in the LRU publications and attributes.

315. A standard-bearer and two assistants shall be appointed to carry in and out the LRU flag by the order of the LRU Commander. Distinguished riflemen shall be appointed as standard-bearers and assistants.

316. The LRU flag shall be held, carried in and out and honoured in accordance with the procedure established in the Statute of Riflemen's Formation.

SECTION II

THE LRU SIGN AND PROCEDURE FOR ITS USAGE

317. The LRU sign shall be the Cross of Vytyis. The LRU sign shall be the principal distinctive symbol of the LRU.

318. The standard LRU sign (pattern and description), agreed with the Lithuanian Heraldry Commission, is presented in Annex 5 of the Statute.

319. Riflemen must respect the LRU sign. The LRU sign must be tidy, unworn and undamaged.

320. The standard LRU sign pattern may be used: 320.1. In distinctive badges of a rifleman's uniform; 320.2. On the LRU forms used for documents;

320.3. In the rifleman's certificate;

321. The standard LRU sign pattern may also be used in the LRU publications, signboards, LRU awards, on tombstones of a perished rifleman, and in other cases established by laws.

322. The LRU sign shall be permanently displayed in the cabinets of the LRU Commander and regiments' commanders.

CHAPTER XVIII

PROCEDURE OF APPROVAL OF REGIMENTS' STANDARD FLAGS AND THEIR USE

323. The standard regiments' flags, agreed with the Lithuanian Heraldry Commission, shall be approved by the LRU Commander. 324. The regiment's flag shall be the principal symbol of a regiment.

325. The regiment's flag shall be used:

325.1. Cultural and sports events organised by a regiment, during the state and military festivals;

325.2. During regiment's congresses;

325.3. In other special cases, upon the decision of the regiment's commander.

326. The regiment's flag shall be held, carried in and out in accordance with the procedure established by the LRU Commander.

327. Regiments may have wimpels (Lith. *vėlūkai*), the examples of which are approved and their use is determined by the LRU Commander.

CHAPTER XVIII

AWARDING AND DEPRIVATION OF THE HONORARY RIFLEMAN'S TITLE, RIGHTS OF HONORARY RIFLEMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LRU ACTIVITIES

328. An honorary rifleman's title and its distinctive mark may be awarded to the nationals of the Republic of Lithuania and foreign nationals for merits to the LRU.

329. The candidacies of honorary riflemen shall be considered by the LRU Central Board.

330. Candidacies of honorary rifleman may be proposed to the LRU Central Board by the LRU Commander, his deputies, regiments' commander and diaspora riflemen.

331. The LRU Central Board shall consider the importance of merits provided for the LRU by the candidate to the honorary rifleman's title.

332. Following the decision to award an honorary rifleman's title to the proposed candidate, a rifleman appointed by the LRU Commander shall prepare an order of the LRU Commander for awarding an honorary rifleman's title and the LRU honorary rifleman's badge.

333. Upon the decision of the LRU Commander, a solemn ceremony for awarding an honorary rifleman's title and its distinctive badge may be organised.

334. Honorary riflemen shall be invited to participate in the LRU congresses and other LRU events.

335. A honorary rifleman's title, upon a written order of the LRU Commander, may be deprived, if a honorary rifleman is prosecuted for an intentional crime or his acts otherwise discredit the title of a honorary rifleman or the LRU name or are directed against the Republic of Lithuania.

336. A person, deprived of the honorary rifleman's title, shall return an honorary rifleman's badge. 337. The regulations of the LRU honorary rifleman's badge shall be approved by the LRU Commander.

CHAPTER XIX

RELATIONS OF THE LRU AND ITS COOPERATION WITH DIASPORA RIFLEMEN AND THEIR UNIONS

338. Diaspora riflemen shall be the LRU non-members emigrant Lithuanians and foreigners of Lithuanian descent who, according to the laws of a foreign country, in which they live, cluster in riflemen's associations or other associations with activities and objectives close to the LRU.

339. The LRU shall support and strengthen relations with diaspora riflemen and their associations.

340. The LRU riflemen's journal "Trimitas" shall provide information about the diaspora riflemen's activities. To this end, a diaspora riflemen's representative may be appointed to the editorial board of the journal "Trimitas".

341. Diaspora riflemen's commander and diaspora riflemen's regiments' commanders shall be invited to the LRU or regiments' congresses. They shall be entitled to propose the LRU or regiment's congress to discuss issues related to the LRU or regiment's activities, as well as to make proposals to the LRU Commander or regiment's or commander concerning the LRU activities.

342. Diaspora riflemen shall have the right to propose candidates to LRU Commander for awarding an honorary rifleman's title.

343. By a common accord of the LRU Commander and diaspora riflemen's commander, collective events and meetings of the LRU and diaspora riflemen may be organised.

344. If necessary, cooperation agreements may be signed to solve various mutual assistance and cooperation issues between the LRU and diaspora riflemen's units or associations.

CHAPTER XX

THE LRU MASS MEDIA

345. The LRU is a public information developer and disseminator, managing the media.

346. The main mass media of the LRU shall be the riflemen's journal "Trimitas" and the LRU website www.sauliusajunga.lt.

347. The guidelines of the LRU media content shall be established by the editorial board, the composition of which is approved by the LRU Central Board.

348. Upon nomination by the LRU Central Board, the LRU Congress shall approve the regulations of the Lithuanian riflemen's journal "Trimitas".

349. The riflemen's journal "Trimitas" shall publish the LRU normative documents and public announcements. The LRU normative documents may be issued in separate dossiers.

350. The LRU mass media shall have the status of a support and charity receiver. The LRU shall, as far as practicable, finance its controlled media, provide premises and basic working tools necessary for their functioning.

CHAPTER XXI

THE LRU REGISTERED OFFICE

351. The LRU registered office shall be in Kaunas, Laisvės Avenue 34.

APPROVED by

LRU meeting

7 June 2014