



SECULAR PUBLIC MILITIA

Militie Zonder Grenzen is a secular public militia comprised of self-organized branches.

Mission

Members are committed to defending the weak.

Philosophy

If we want to live in freedom we must protect the right of others to do so, in keeping with the principle of 'equal liberty' that underpins modernity. Our freedom is anchored in accepting responsibility for others, as we can have no moral claim to liberty if we neglect the liberties of our fellow human beings. United we stand, divided we fall.

Politics

Humans are social beings who naturally seek a democratic consensus that protects their shared interests. There can be no better expression of the social democratic impulse than helping end the exploitation, abuse and neglect of one human being by another; which can only be fully realized by liberating people from their alienation.

History

MZG was founded by Richard Luz in 2018 after reflecting on Motorcycle Diaries, in which Ernesto Guevara expressed his solidarity with the exploited peasants he met while travelling through South America with Alberto Granado, the crimes committed by governments gone bad – from the gas chambers at Auschwitz to the killing fields of Cambodia, Rwanda and Syria – and the courage of people like Tuvia Bielski who took up arms in defense of the weak.

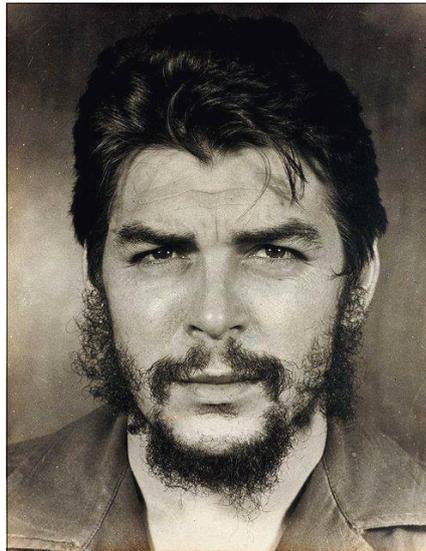
Dedication

Our organization is dedicated to Tuvia Bielski, who led a Jewish militia group which fought the Nazi invaders and their

collaborators in Poland during the Second World War and rescued Jews from extermination. The essence of his moral achievement is that he undertook both resistance and rescue but favored the latter.

What does 'Militie Zonder Grenzen' mean?

Militie Zonder Grenzen ("milit-zee zond-er gren-zen") is a Dutch term that translates as 'Militia Without Borders'. The Dutch form was used to honor Fanny Schoonheydt, the only woman from the Netherlands to take up arms in defense of Spain's democratically elected republican government during the Spanish Civil War against the Nazi backed fascists.



Che Guevara wrote that we must be "guided by a great feeling of love" for the oppressed, and "strive every day so that this love of living humanity is transformed into actual deeds, into acts that serve as examples, as a moving force."

infirmos defendere

What does our emblem represent?

The white symbol on the black shield is an alchemist sign for iron, the most common element on earth by mass that forms much of the Earth's inner and outer core. They are reminiscent of the Zulu shield and spear and represent the determination of members to defend the weak with deadly force when necessary.

What does our motto mean?

MZG's motto, "infirmos defendere", is Latin for "defend the weak".



KEY FACTS

- Created: 2018.
- Founder: Richard Lutz.
- Description: Secular public militia comprised of self-organized branches.
- Mission: Members are committed to defending the weak.
- Philosophy: We are duty bound to defend the rightful liberties of our fellow human beings as our freedom is anchored in accepting responsibility for those who cannot defend themselves.
- Politics: Social democratic.

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face... You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

- Eleanor Roosevelt

PRIMARY SOURCES

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