



Swedish Anti-Aircraft Voluntary Training Association

(Luftvärnsförbundet)

FACTS AND FIGURES

The Swedish Anti-Aircraft Voluntary Training Association is a part of the Swedish Federation for Voluntary Defence Education and Training¹ - which is one of Sweden's 18 voluntary defence organisations.

These organisations recruit and train citizens on a voluntary basis for tasks within the Total Defence system. They contribute to the country's preparedness in various areas of society and are of great significance to defence, willingness to defend and general acceptance of total defence in society. The organisations constitute an important resource in the wartime organisation and the adaptation of defence. They supply trained personnel with contracts for wartime postings in the Swedish Armed Forces and maintain and increase competence among those who already have wartime postings.

The voluntary defence organisations are independent associations and have come about on the citizens' own initiative and are unpaid and independent in relation to each other and to the Armed Forces they collaborate with. You could get more information at the Swedish Armed Forces website: <http://www.forsvarsmakten.se/en/>

Most of the approximately 800 members in the *Swedish Anti-Aircraft Voluntary Training Associations* are officers, NCO:s, soldiers or former conscripts - but all Swedish citizen over the age of 15 can join us. We organise Anti-Aircraft training, courses, information about the Defence system, study-trips and shooting exercises - all on voluntary basis!

Youngsters who are between 15 and 20 years old can get voluntary pre-military training at our youth-department. The association also owns and runs a training camp "Lv-byn" next to the Armed Forces firing-range at the island Vaddo approximately 120 km north of Stockholm.

¹ <http://www.forsvarsutbildarna.se/> / "Om oss" / "In english"