

Rules and Regulations of the New River Rifles, Inc.

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In order to ensure the Unit maintains the highest standards, it is important that each member understand his/her individual responsibilities. The following rules and regulations have been adopted in order to ensure the unit remains an organization of which we can all be proud of.

Article I: Impression

Will be the 24th Virginia infantry (Co F) and the 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Each member of the unit shall accurately and authentically maintain a period impression both in dress and manner during those times when the unit is in character. A certain degree of individual freedom and creativity is acceptable but the unit commander and/or field officers reserve the right to disallow any impression they deem to be inappropriate. The Board officers shall approve any special or auxiliary impressions. Our authenticity should be gauged by what is accepted by the reenactment community. It is every member's duty to keep the camp policed for any and all non-authentic items out of sight to include but not limited to trash, modern items, etc. The unit must take pride in everything we do as we strive for continued authenticity.

All Military participants shall be in uniform once their camps are in order Friday evening. They will remain in uniform until the Event has closed on Sunday afternoon.

Drill: All members of the regiment must drill. If you do not drill you will not be able to participate on the field. Slackers will not be tolerated.

Article II: Recruits

Prospective members will be assigned the status of "recruit" until such time as the members of the unit can adequately gauge the maturity, sincerity and willingness of the recruit to dedicate himself/herself to the hobby and the unit.

Recruits will participate and be instructed in the "School of Soldier" or additional company drill by the corporal and/or veteran privates as directed by the unit commander to ensure they perform a given task in a safe and period manner.

Recruits will have participated in two (2) unit events within the current year to be eligible for a unit membership. Additionally, prospective recruits must have procured at the minimum shoes and a canteen for their impression.

New recruits will be issued all necessary black powder free of charge for these two (2) events, after which all further events will be the responsibility of the recruit. Once these requirements are met, the recruit will be voted upon and with a majority favorable result will be promoted to the rank of private and a unit member with all the rights and privileges attached thereto.

Article III: Command Structure

All members will respect the unit chain of command when the unit is in character and will serve the unit at the pleasure of the commanding officer. Officers in our unit and other units will be given military courtesies (saluting) at all times. We are portraying military personnel and shall conduct ourselves accordingly.

Field Officers:

- Captain
- First Sergeant
- Second Sergeant
- First Corporal

Brevet Officers:

- First Lieutenant
- Additional Corporals

These brevet positions will be appointed on an as-needed basis with the advice and consent of the field officers present.

Article IV: Field Officers

All field officers will be elected annually by a majority of the members in good standing at the annual business meeting. Field officer positions shall not be limited to terms but must always be elected to that position annually.

Article V: Attendance

Every member of the unit will attend two (2) unit field events annually and are expected to give first priority to events listed on the schedule as a unit event or Corp. field event.

Article VI: Dues/Liability Insurance

Dues: Are payable and due each year at the annual business meeting and every member is responsible for keeping their dues paid at this time. Dues are at a rate of \$30.00 for each member per year. Dues of \$35.00 will be required for a member, spouse and any immediate family members under 18 years of age per year.

Insurance: Liability insurance to Longstreet's Corp is \$5.00 for every individual (members and recruits) regardless of age or marital status and must be paid each year before participating in any battle reenactments or living history events.

Article VII: Bearing Arms

The unit requires that a member be 16 years of age before bearing arms. No exceptions.

Article VIII: Minors

A parent or legal guardian must accompany any member under the age of 18 years. Any exceptions to this will be decided by the Board of Directors/Corporate Officers.

Article IX: Meetings

One business meeting will be held on an annual basis and at a minimum one additional business meeting shall be held before the year's end. A Unit meeting will also be held at the annual business meeting and at any other time at the discretion of the president. While all are welcomed and encouraged to participate and contribute to the meetings, only those members in good standing shall have voting rights.

Article X: Voting Guidelines

Only members in good standing shall have the right and privilege to cast a vote at the meetings either in person or by e-mail. E-mail voting may only be done at the discretion of the Board officers or when there is difficulty in obtaining a majority of members in good standing for the purposes of elections, normal business functions or other matters deemed necessary by the Board of Directors/Corporate Officers.

Only Military participants may vote on Military decisions.

Article XI: Safety

Safety is critical in all facets of the operation of this unit as well as in the behavior of its members. This unit stresses safety and will continue to uphold these rules.

1. Members who are not in accordance with this tenet will be given instructions and the opportunity to correct any unsafe situations or behaviors.
2. If a member cannot or will not correct the situation or behavior, that member will be subject to disciplinary actions.
3. Punishment for safety/behavior infractions will be brought to the immediate attention of the Board of Directors/Corporate Officers which could result in that member being removed from the membership rolls.
4. Cartridges allowed of no more than 70 grains for the .58 caliber rifles and 20 to 25 grains for a pistol. Oversized cartridges will not be tolerated as they are very dangerous and a waste of powder. We want to prevent projectiles and powder burns.
5. The location of the regimental fire extinguisher shall be public knowledge at all times.

Article XII: Discipline

Should any member of the unit fail to execute any reasonable order of a superior officer, the commanding officer is empowered to investigate, determine the facts and take whatever action is deemed appropriate short of

permanent dismissal. Should the conduct of any member or recruit of this unit be detrimental to the well-being of the unit, the commanding officer, with the consent of the present field officers, may suspend that individual from field participation for such length of time as he deems necessary and warranted. In serious cases an individual shall be referred to the Board of Directors/Corporate Officers and may be permanently dismissed from the unit by a majority vote of the active membership in good standing.

Article XIII: Reimbursement to the Quartermaster

Each active member shall help defray the cost of transporting the unit trailer. This cost is defrayed by the \$30.00 yearly dues. \$10.00 of every \$30.00 dues payment will be contributed to a fund so the quartermaster will not be solely responsible for these costs. Each year the treasurer shall issue a check to the quartermaster in an amount equal to the current membership dues of the current members in good standing.