

## **10<sup>th</sup> VA Infantry Rules & Regulations**

All personnel participating as the 10<sup>th</sup> VA will adhere to the following in order to ensure the highest quality event is provided to the visitors, and for the enjoyment of all attending:

**UNIFORMS** – The 10<sup>th</sup> VA by this time had been receiving some uniform items, including jackets (Type I and II) issued from Richmond. Captain Byrd, Regimental QM, reported on 30 June that during the past quarter he had issued, among other items, 632 pair shoes, 109 woolen shirts, 257 cotton shirts, 117 pair pants, 62 jackets, 484 pair socks, 39 blouses, and 207 pair drawers. He reported on 1 July he received 256 pair pants, 286 pair shoes, 141 shirts, 159 pair drawers, 37 jackets, and 1 pair boots. However, a number of the men were still in various style jackets and coats from home. Therefore, it is permissible to wear frock, roundabout, sack, Type I or II, commutation, etc. NO union jackets of any sort. Union trousers are OK.

Your uniform should be worn, not ragged as we know the term today and not filthy dirty. Dusty is OK, with stains, etc. However, there should not be a coating of mud all over your uniform. The weather in August had been HOT, with only one day of thundershowers on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The high temperature each day was 1<sup>st</sup> 89, 2<sup>nd</sup> 88, 3<sup>rd</sup> 86, 4<sup>th</sup> 90, 5<sup>th</sup> 94, 6<sup>th</sup> 89, 7<sup>th</sup> 92, 8<sup>th</sup> 96, 9<sup>th</sup> 98.

**MUSKET** – Bring your smoothbore. The majority of the men in the 10<sup>th</sup> VA at this time were still carrying them. We expect muskets to be in good working order and ready for inspection upon your arrival. ALL soldiers are expected to have a full cartridge box, including properly wrapped bundles.

**PERSONAL BELONGINGS** – You will have an opportunity to discuss your items with the visiting public, so bring whatever you would like only subject to the date. All personal belongings will be kept ready to march in fifteen minutes or less. Unless in actual use, all personal items will be kept stored; this includes blankets, cups, plates, and any other cooking item.

**KNAPSACK INSPECTION** will occur upon on-site registration. Everything will be inspected. It is not expected there will be any problems; the inspection is to ensure that is the case. One small poke will be exempt from inspection – that is where it is expected you carry your keys, necessary medicine you must have on you, etc. The poke is NOT a place to hide your cigarette lighter, or other modern items you know you should not have.

**MUSKETS** will be stacked on the color-line at all times. NO ONE will touch a musket without orders from an officer or NCO. NO ONE will pass through the musket stacks for any reason. NO ONE will pass the stacks without orders from an officer or NCO.

**SINK** – ALL military personnel will utilize the sink(s) which will be available. Due to our location, we must abide by the conventions imposed upon us by modern dictates.

**NO ITEMS** (canteens, packs, haversacks, hats, etc.) marked other than 10<sup>th</sup> VA will be used unless absolutely necessary. Any item marked with any other unit identifier must be readily explained. For example, if any of our comrades brings an item marked 23<sup>rd</sup> VA, the user could explain to a visitor that a relative is serving in that unit and they traded.

**1<sup>st</sup> PERSON GUIDELINES** – Keep in mind it is really not that difficult. You just have to think about what you are doing and saying. Do not get flustered, keep cool, and think before speaking. If on guard and you are uncomfortable, or the talk takes a turn, tell whoever you are speaking with that you think you see the Sergeant or Corporal coming and you can get in trouble for talking on guard. If there are any problems, call for a corporal or sergeant.

**RATIONS** The following comments by the men concerning rations was gleaned from the 10<sup>th</sup> VA history to assist you in determining what rations to bring.

July 18 rations very scarce; abundance of huckleberries and blackberries

20 cooked two days' rations

21 fish

22 tonight cooking beef

23 blackberry pudding

25 molasses, apple cobbler

27 apple cobbler

28 apple dumplings; cook up rations and be ready to march

29 chicken and cornbread

30 apple dumplings, cucumber, onions

31 good beef & bread; apple dumplings, milk; chickens

August 1 fried chicken

2 A man in the 12<sup>th</sup> GA noted: "Coffee is played out in the army. They use wheat or rye instead."

3 ordered to cook rations and be ready for marching; foraging party – ham, cornbread, milk, haversack of apples

4 bread & beef; orders to cook and be ready

6 large blackberry pie

7 cook two days' rations and be ready

8 beeves killed & rations issued; bread; orders to cook two days' rations

It is highly recommended what you bring is cooked; you may not have much time during the weekend to do so. Only fruits and vegetables in season are authorized; if you don't see it growing right here, don't bring it. Small storage potatoes or apples are OK; just make sure they are small. If you have any questions, ask before arriving.

**SALUTING** – Officers WILL be rendered proper military salutes. This applies to ALL officers not just the one(s) in the 10<sup>th</sup> VA.

Salute without arms – "When a soldier without arms . . . meets an officer, he is to raise

his hand to the right side of the visor of his cap, palm to the front, elbow raised as high as the shoulder, looking at the same time in a respectful and soldier-like manner at the officer, who will return the compliment thus affected.”

Salute with arms – “Sergeants . . . will salute by bringing the left hand across the body, so as to strike the musket near the right shoulder. Corporals out of the ranks, and privates not sentries, will carry their muskets at a shoulder as sergeants, and salute in like manner.”

**MILITARY COURTESY** – Officers and NCOs will be addressed by their rank, NOT by their first name. When an officer or NCO speaks to you stand and be respectful.

**DRILL** – While it is unlikely we will do any lengthy drill over the weekend, the following is for the edification of those who believe that drill was only conducted during the non-campaigning season(s). Each of the identified days in August had the noted drills conducted.

1 Squad, Company, Battalion. Dress Parade.

2 Company, Battalion.

3 Inspection Arms.

4 Brigade. One of the 10<sup>th</sup> VA officers noted: “The Brigade performed very well with the exception of one Alabama regiment.” [This is a precursor of the actions of the 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> ALA at Cedar Run.]

5 Brigade.

7 Squad, Company.