

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CIVIL WAR ASSOCIATION **STANDARD RULES OF ENGAGEMENT**

FOR ALL PARTICIPATING RE-ENACTORS

General Rules For All Combatants:

- 1.) SCCWA Insurance waiver release form will be signed and on file with the SCCWA for all participating re-enactors, prior to their entering the re-enactment area and/or participating in any re-enactment scenario.
- 2.) All re-enactors will have read and have a comprehensive knowledge of the SCCWA's Standard Rules of Engagement, prior to the individuals involvement of any re-enactment scenario staged by the SCCWA.
- 3.) Re-enactors will park in designated participant parking areas only with SCCWA parking permit clearly visible in left front window of vehicle. (Re-enactors vehicles parked in unauthorized areas may be sited or towed)
- 4.) Re-enactors may enter the park for set-up at 12:00 p.m. Friday afternoon and may have their vehicles in the encampment areas until 10: p.m. At this time all vehicles will be removed to the participant parking lot. Vehicles will be allowed back into the encampment areas at 6:00 a.m. Saturday or when the park opens. No vehicles will be allowed to remain in camp over night Friday or Saturday night. (THIS AREA IS A WILDERNESS PERSERVE)
- 5.) All re-enactor vehicles will be removed from the encampment areas at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning and not allowed back into the encampment areas until the end of the last battle re-enactment on Sunday afternoon.
- 6.) Alcohol is not allowed in the park at any time.
- 7.) All weapons used including all firearms, sabers, bayonets, knives, daggers etc, will be inspected for safety and authenticity at the unit level by orders of each Division Headquarters, prior to the individual's involvement in any re-enactment scenario staged by the SCCWA. (Unit commanders will be held responsible for weapons inspection).
- 8.) All ammunition used will be inspected for safety and authenticity at the unit level by orders of each Division Headquarters, prior to the individual's involvement in any re-enactment scenario staged by the SCCWA. (Unit commanders will be held responsible for ammunition inspection).
- 9.) Fire pits may be dug at the company level and in designated areas only. Fire pits require a shovel and bucket of water present at each site. (NO UN-ATTENDED CAMP FIRES WILL BE ALLOWED)
- 10.) All campfire pit clean up and trash removal is the responsibility of the individual units in attendance. Fire pits will be filled in and trash will be placed in the appropriate receptacles provided prior to leaving the site. (LEAVE IT AS YOU FOUND IT RULE APPLIES) Violators of this rule will not be invited back or allowed to participate in future events at this site. Violators of this rule may also be sited and/or fined for littering by park staff.
- 11.) The word (MEDIC) will be used to stop a battle engagement in the case of a medical emergency. In the case of a medical emergency, All colors on the battle field will be immediately furled and placed on the ground with the colors closest to the medical emergency left flying to allow for prompt medical attention by a trained professional.
- 12.) No sharp objects will be allowed without the proper sheath or scabbard. (ONLY OFFICERS AND/OR MOUNTED CAVALRY ARE ALLOWED TO DRAW A SWORD OR SABER ON THE BATTLEFIELD)
- 13.) No re-enactor will be allowed to sell anything such as merchandise, arms, equipment etc. at this event. Only authorized sutlers and food venders will be allowed to sell inside the park boundaries. If you wish to sell any items at this event, you will need prior authorization. (Please inquire about sutler or vender fees and set up locations).
- 14.) Re-enactors will camp in designated campsites only with authorization from respective Division Headquarters.
- 15.) All non-period items will be concealed or hidden from view at all times during the re-enactment weekend.
- 16.) Re-enactors wearing rank designations will be expected to have the appropriate numbers of troops present to support the rank designation worn. (Individuals wearing rank designation as lieutenant will be required to have 12 men present. Individuals wearing captains rank designation will be required to have 16 men present).
- 17.) Only authorized celebrity officers will be allowed to participate at this event. No celebrity officer will be allowed at officer's call and no celebrity officers will be allowed on the battlefield during a re-enactment scenario. All authorized celebrity officers will be given full military honors and respect by all troops off of the battlefield.
- 18.) Re-enactors hat's or cover's will remain on the heads of all re-enactors during the playing of Tatoo at the end of each battle re-enactment in order to give full military honors and respect to the fallen and dead. Please come to attention, solute or come to present arms, as troops in uniform should not uncover for this occasion.
- 19.) Re-enactors 14 years of age may participate as combatants with appropriate proof of age and be accompanied by parent or legal guardian on the battlefield. Re-enactors 12 years of age may participate with the appropriate proof of age and only as flag bearers, stretcher-bearers, hospital stewards or messengers and under the direct supervision of their parent. (No exceptions).

INFANTRY

- 1.) All ramrods will remain in place and not be handled during battle re-enactments.
- 2.) Bayonets may be fixed while marching to and from the battlefield area only.
- 3.) One set of Regimental and National colors will be allowed per Infantry Battalion during each battle re-enactment.
- 4.) Hand to hand combat will be allowed only if it is pre-scripted and authorization is provided through division command.

CAVALRY

- 1.) All mounted troops will pass a safety test prior to engaging in combat.
- 2.) Only authentic saddles, tack and uniforms will be allowed.
- 3.) No un-attended horses allowed.
- 4.) Horses will be picketed in designated areas only.
- 5.) Hand to hand combat will be allowed only if it is pre-scripted and authorization is provided through division command.
- 6.) Clean-up and proper disposal of horse waste is the responsibility of each rider prior to leaving the park.

ARTILLERY

- 1.) Only full-scale artillery will be allowed at this event.
- 2.) All Gun crews and Gun's will pass a safety test prior to engaging in combat.
- 3.) Safety range block markers and chalk blocks will be provided by all Guns' in attendance.
- 4.) Hand to hand combat will be allowed only if it is pre-scripted and authorization is provided through division command.
- 5.) Artillery re-imburement will be conducted immediately following the last battle re-enactment Sunday afternoon.