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# FIELD ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

*Regulations for Governance of the  
Fifth Regiment, Connecticut Line while on Campaign*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The 5th Connecticut Regiment (5th Regiment, Connecticut Line) portrays a typical New England Continental Regiment during the years of 1779 - 1780. So that we may better understand those times and be more able to teach the public, our organization strives to live the eighteenth century. In order to do this, it is important for every reenactor to have a basic understanding of some common set of rules and expectations of the group. This document will provide such a basis for our conduct. Every member of the organization must endeavor to live up to these regulations and to help other members understand them.

While we strive for authenticity, SAFETY is the most critical area of concern for this Regiment. **Every member of the unit is responsible for safety. If you observe an unsafe act, you must intervene.**

While these are not meant to replace or circumvent the *Brigade of the American Revolutions* regulations or the similar *Continental Line* regulations, they do provide an encapsulation of our standards

## 2. SAFETY

### 2.1 Paper Cartridges

#### 2.1.1 Individual Responsibility

Individuals shall be responsible to prepare their own cartridges.

- Cartridges must meet the standards in this section.
- No cartridge rolling may be done in the camp area. At all events, if cartridges are to be rolled on-site, they must be rolled in the vehicle parking area.

#### 2.1.2 Authorized Paper

Only a heavy grade paper may be used (e.g. printer/copier paper). Newspaper has too low of a kindling temperature and will not be used.

### 2.1.3 Black Powder Loads for Blank Cartridges

Maximum powder charge is:

110 grains (GOEX FFFG)

or

125 grains (GOEX FFG)

### 2.1.4 Approved Rolling Techniques

- Cartridges will be formed in an 18th century manner on a wooden dowel of a size that will produce a snug fit when the cartridge is placed into the cartridge box. Typical sizes are 5/8" to 3/4"
- The front of the cartridge shall be crimped, tied, or glued to prevent the loss of powder.
- The tail of the cartridge shall be twisted or folded to allow ease of tearing.

## 2.2 Fire

### 2.2.1 Safe Practices

- Never park vehicles in tall grass, because Catalytic converters can become red hot.
- All open fires must be attended by an adult at all times.
- Fire tenders and cooks should wear tight woven wool or linen because of their self-extinguishing properties.
- If your tent catches fire, immediately get out and continuously yell "**Fire!**"
- If you catch fire, **Stop, Drop, and Roll.**
- Keep children from playing near the fire.

### 2.2.2 "Kitchin" Fire pits

#### 2.2.2.1 Layout

- Fire pit will be cut through the sod, saving it for future replacement. The pit should be large enough to keep the actual fire from coming in contact with the surrounding sod.
- A minimum of four iron "lamb's tails" will be employed around the fire pit and a rope

strung between them to provide an access barrier.

#### 2.2.2.2 Safety Equipment

- A dedicated fire bucket containing water.
- A wool blanket for smothering clothing fires.

### 2.2.3 Personal Lighting Equipment

- No open candles shall be allowed in any tent. **Exception: "Kitchin" fly**
- Closed lanterns shall only be allowed in tents whose floors are not covered with hay, straw or cloth bedding.

## 2.3 "Kitchin"

- All perishable foods must be kept in coolers with sufficient ice to last the duration of the event. Perishable food not so protected must be discarded.
- No food samples shall be given to the general public.
- Children shall not be allowed to use knives to prepare food without adult supervision.
- A First-Aid kit shall be maintained in the "Kitchin" area.

## 2.4 Tactical

- All events in which muskets will be used must be preceded by a firearms inspection. If you come late, seek a Non-commissioned Officer to check your weapon.
- Never give control of your musket to a member of the public.
- Never let a member of the public handle an edged weapon.
- Never draw your ramrod out during a tactical demonstration.
- If a miss fire occurs, follow through with it as if it had fired. **DO NOT ADJUST YOUR WEAPON WHILE IT IS LOADED.** At your first chance, tip the weapon and dump the powder from the barrel; then adjust the flint or pick the vent.

- Never aim your weapon directly at another person. Always aim well above their head
- Never discharge your firelock at an individual at a range of closer than thirty-five yards.
- During a bayonet charge, never approach closer than twenty-five yards of the enemy lines. War cries shall be limited to **ONE** “*Huzzah!*” It is vital to listen to commands.
- **Their** safety violation is never justification for **Our** violation.
- Never anticipate a command.
- If a Platoon Leader is in line with the Platoon, the Non-Commissioned Officers will not echo commands, except under extreme conditions where safety dictates.
- Always keep the formation “dressed” and guide to the right.
- Never make audible comments or relay commands during action, as this will cause great confusion.
- All firelock movement commands are to be given when the right foot strikes the ground and executed on the left foot. If given on the wrong foot, wait till the correct foot to execute the command.
- If a command is wrong, follow through with it as if it were correct.
- Alcohol and firearms don’t mix.

### 3. SOLDIER'S UNIFORM

The Fifth Connecticut Regiment portrays a Continental Army Regiment in the middle period of the war (1777-1780). As a “Regular,” there is a certain level of uniformity that we must maintain. Additionally, our unit is dedicated to authenticity. So our uniform and equipment must be made of the correct materials and in the correct styles.

It is the responsibility of every “soldier” to provide his own clothing and equipment and ensure that it is authentic and within uniform guidelines. The list below is a listing of material which this Regiment authorizes for field duty. During the war many items of civilian clothing

were substituted for regulation clothing, where appropriate, substitutions have been authorized. We are attempting to create an impression that through the collection of various clothing, a uniform is or were present.

While it is possible that the Regiment or other members may be able to loan articles of clothing or items of equipment, the soldier is required to obtain the material, marked with an asterisk, before being fielded with the Regiment:

### 3.1 Personal

#### 3.1.1 Grooming

- This is a strong and often difficult personal decision, but men should strive to be bare faced. Facial hair was not common among Americans until the 19th century. While it will not be strictly enforced, if you have facial hair, you can expect to be placed in the rear rank of any event in which filming may occur.
- Likewise, the average Continental soldier shaved about three times weekly. So don’t feel that you have to shave every day during an event.
- Men commonly wore their hair in a queue (i.e. a braid or fold of hair). Often Continental soldiers wore their hair a little more closely cropped. If your personal position allows you to grow this, great. If not, maybe you could wait until after an event for a haircut.

#### 3.1.2 Jewelry

- Rings. Women wore wedding bands, men commonly did not. Do as you desire. Any other undocumented ring would not be appropriate.
- Wrist watches should be kept in pockets or haversacks.
- Men’s bracelets and necklaces (except medic-alert) should not be worn.

### 3.2 Clothing

\***Hunting Shirt** (dyed RIT, TAN 16 or Natural), linen preferred. A front

opening Hunting Frock may be substituted.

- \***Military Cocked Hat** edged with white wool or linen tape, **5CR** pewter button, black cocking cord, and black cockade, a **Work cap** or a “**Liberty**” **cap** may be substituted.
- \***Waistcoat**, linen preferred (Natural or White), Civilian styles and fabrics may be substituted.
- \***Shirt** (Civilian or Military), linen preferred
- \***Neck Stock** (black leather or black linen)
- \***Overalls**, linen preferred (Natural or White), **Breeches** (Civilian or Military styles may be substituted)
- \***Stockings** (Plain style in any Eighteenth Century color)(modern plain white may be worn under overalls)
- \***Garters** (Tape, cord, ribbon, or leather)
- \***Shoes** (Any Eighteenth Century style), “rough-out” preferred. Plain toe 20th Century shoes may be substituted if worn with overalls or spatterdashes.
- Regimental Coat (wool, blue faced with white [raw edges preferred], **USA** pewter buttons [**5CR** pewter buttons optional])
- Spatterdashes (Half-gaiters)(black painted canvas or black wool) to be worn with breeches
- Work caps (Linen or Wool)(Civilian or Military styles)

### 3.3 Arms:

#### 3.3.1 Men-at-Arms:

- \***Musket** (Reproduction French Model 1763 “Charville”, English Second Model Land Pattern “Brown Bess”, or French Model 1777 “St. Etienne”)
- \***Cartridge Box**, Cartouche (any style with block and shoulder carriage)
- \***Pick and Whisk**
  - Musket Tool
  - Spare flints
  - Bayonet, Socket style
  - Bayonet Waistbelt (black leather) and Scabbard
  - Muzzle Stopper (Tampion)
  - Sword (Short Sword, Hanger, Briquette)  
Non-Commissioned Officers Only

#### 3.3.2 Musicians:

- \***Fife & Case**, or

#### \***Drum**

Sword (Short Sword, Hanger, Briquette)  
Cat-o-nine tails & leather bag (Drummers Only)

### 3.4 Equipment:

#### \***Canteen**

Haversack  
Knapsack (“New Invented” style painted **Martin-Senour Williamsburg** “James Geddy Gray” stenciled in white **5<sup>th</sup> C<sup>omm</sup>R<sup>egt</sup>.**)  
Blanket

### 3.5 Personal Items:

#### \***Spoon**

\***Bowl or plate** (wood, tin, or pewter)  
Pocket Knife  
Cup (tin, leather, wood, horn, or pewter)  
Fishhook and sinkers  
Clay pipe and tobacco  
Lead for writing  
Small horn for salt  
Needle and case  
Scissors  
Thread  
Dice  
Playing cards

\***Indicates Required to be fielded**

### 3.6 Approved Suppliers:

The following is a list of suppliers which have been found to offer authentic materials in the categories listed. **Beware! Even though these are approved suppliers, not all items that they sell may be accurate. Other suppliers may sell acceptable products, always check before you buy.**

**Banksville Designer Fabrics**  
(Fabric)  
115 New Canaan Ave  
Norwalk, CT 06851  
(203)846-1333

**Dixie Gun Works**  
(Muskets, Bayonets, Shoes, Accouterments)  
Gunpowder Lane  
Union, TN 38261  
(901)885-0070  
Orders: 1-800-238-6785

**Druid's Oak**  
(Clothing)  
1634 New Windsor Court  
Crofton, MD 21114  
(410)793-0309

**Jim Freebairn**  
(Pewter Buttons)  
12 Weed Hill Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06905  
(203)322-9132

**Beth Gilgin**  
(Clothing, Fabric, Patterns)

**G. Gedney Godwin, Inc.**  
Sutler of Mount Misery  
(Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Weapons,  
Accouterments)  
Box 100,  
Valley Forge, PA 19401  
(215)783-0670

**Roy Najecki**  
(Fabric, Buttons, sewing supplies)

**Navy Arms**  
(Muskets, Bayonets)  
689 Bergen Avenue  
Ridgefield, NJ 07657  
(201)945-2500  
Orders: 1-800-869-NAVY

The Recollections of **Janice Ryan**  
(Patterns)  
302 East Main Street  
Berryville, VA 22611

**Kathleen Smith**, Textile Reproductions  
(Fabric)  
Box 48  
West Chesterfield, MA 01084  
(413)296-4437

**Phyllis Swebilus**  
(Accouterments, Toys)  
63 Anchorage Drive  
Milford, CT 06460  
(203)876-0080

James **Towsend & Son**  
(Fabric, Some Patterns, Shoes, Accouterments)  
133 North First Street  
P.O. Box 415  
Pierceton, IN 46562  
1-800-338-1665

**The Whimsical Cordwainer**  
**Gregory Geiger**  
(Shoes)  
61 Mist Hill Drive  
Brookfield, CT 06804  
(203)775-7187

## **4. ENCAMPMENT EVENTS**

### ***4.1 Setup & Breakdown***

#### **4.1.1 Arrival and Departure Times**

- Because of our setup of the camp requirements, individuals should plan to arrive on site one hour prior to the scheduled beginning of an event.
- Similarly, nobody should plan to leave an encampment until one hour past the camp being closed to the public.

#### **4.1.2 Individual Responsibility**

- Individuals are responsible for removing all their personal belongings from the camp. This should normally be done prior to striking the camp
- Individuals are responsible for striking their personally owned tents.

#### **4.1.3 Group Responsibility**

- The group is responsible for clearing the Common Area including the “kitchen” fly. Ensure that all foodstuffs are properly sealed or removed from storage boxes.
- The group is responsible for striking all tentage belonging to the Regiment.

- The group is responsible for returning the terrain as much as possible to pre-event condition.

## 4.2 *Personal Conduct*

### 4.2.1 Parental Supervision

- A parent bringing a child to an event of any sort will remain responsible for that child during the entire event. If the parent or parents have to be away from the child, another adult must be asked to supervise the child. This adult cannot be the person in charge of the fire. If no other adult is able or willing to accept responsibility, a parent must remain in camp to supervise their child, even if that means that a soldier does not fall in with the rest of the Regiment.
- If a child sleeps in the tents, one parent must also sleep in the tents. Under no circumstances may a child be left in the tents without a parent (or other adult accepting responsibility for that child) close enough to respond to an emergency.

### 4.2.2 Misrepresentation

No member of the Regiment shall appear at a 5CR-sponsored event representing any other business or concern without the prior consent of the Commander or Executive Committee.

## 4.3 *Anachronisms*

### 4.3.1 In And Around Tents

- Hay bales must be broken apart and spread as soon as possible since they did not exist in the 18th century.
- By 10:00 a.m. on each day of an event, 20th century (20c) items must be placed out of sight even in tents. This can be accomplished by the use of campaign chests, or by covering them with appropriate blankets or cloth. 20c hangers must be avoided while camps are open to the public. The requirements of local events may modify the time.
- Plastic ground covers must be concealed by hay or stowed away by 10:00 a.m.

- Lantern posts, even though of 18c appearance, must be taken into the tents by 10:00 a.m.

### 4.3.2 In Common Areas

**(Areas outside the soldiers' tents, by the fire pits, and at the "kitchen" fly)**

- 20c Clothing & Personal Items will *not* be worn or brought into the Common Areas. This applies to all members and their guests.
- Coolers may only be brought to common areas if they are enclosed in an appropriate wooden chest or under cloth.
- Only 18c type eating utensils shall be used in camp *No Soda Cans, Plastic, or Paper products*

## 4.4 *Meals*

### 4.4.1 Unit Provided

The Regiment will provide rations for fully supported events. This is the ration schedule:

- **One Day Event:** The Regiment will provide Lunch.
- **Two Day Event:** Saturday-Lunch & Supper; Sunday- Breakfast and Lunch
- **Special Events:** If there is a Friday arrival and/or a Monday departure, the meal structure may be amended.

### 4.4.2 Meal Preparation Responsibility

The planning of meals will fall upon the individual assigned that responsibility. Though the Followers often fulfill this function, Soldiers may also be assigned this duty.

### 4.4.3 Water & Wood

- Individuals will be sought to volunteer to ensure that the camp has sufficient split firewood and water.
- If there are no volunteers, the Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge will assign the duty.

- If you volunteer, see it through. . You are not required to do it alone, others will be glad to assist.

95 grains (GOEX FFFG)

or

100 grains (GOEX FFG)

#### ***4.5 Chain-Of-Command***

The following is the ranking of authority at events in which this Regiment participates:

1. Safety Officers
2. Overall American Field Commander
3. Division/Company Officers
4. Serjeant
5. Corporal
6. Trusted [Senior] Private Soldier
7. Adult Musician
8. Private Soldier and Adult Followers
9. Youth Musicians
10. Children Followers

### **5. LIVE FIRE SHOOTING EVENTS**

#### ***5.1 Live Cartridge***

##### **5.1.1 Black Powder Charge for Live Cartridges**

Maximum powder charge is:

##### **5.1.2 Authorized Musket Ball Calibers**

1. .69 Cal. French Muskets: .630-.680 cal Round Ball.
2. .75 Cal. Second Land Pattern Muskets: .690-.735 cal Round Ball.

##### **5.1.3 Approved Rolling Technique**

The live cartridges will be rolled in the same fashion as blank cartridges, except aluminum foil (BAR Events) or blue paper (SCR Events) will be used in place of paper. The ball portion of foil cartridges will be dipped in wax.

#### ***5.2 Safety***

The Brigade of the American Revolution Soldiers' Manual will be used for all SCR Shooting Events.