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The attached Minimum Authenticity Standards [attached] are established for implementation in the 2013 Campaign Season when the United States Volunteers is in the field. Commanders are authorized to enhance these standards within their own commands as would be appropriate to their impression.

The Standards will be revised as appropriate and formal Adoption will be on the Agenda for at the 2014 meeting of the Congress of the United States Volunteers on January 10, 2014.

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INTRODUCTION

The United States Volunteers is a mainstream, family oriented, Civil War Reenactment Organization dedicated to preserving the memory, history, and lives of the soldiers and civilians who fought and served the Union cause in the American Civil War. We seek to educate the public through Civil War Encampments and battle reenactments. As Civil War Living Historians, each individual member of the USV shall attempt to portray, as accurately as possible, the life of the Union soldier at war or the civilian that lent support to this noble endeavor.

In order to best accomplish our goal of historically correct impressions, we hereby adopt these Minimum Authenticity Standards and the Enforcement Provisions set forth herein. These standards have been developed through a collective effort of the USV Field Grade Officers, Brigade Staff, Company Commanders and the Civilian Coordinator and her committee.

We emphasize our goal to establish "Minimum" Standards. We want to embrace in a general sense the experience, worldview, and technology of the 19th Century. Each USV Regiment, Company, or Unit is authorized to adopt more stringent rules if desired.

We have purposely refrained from adopting uniform and accoutrement guidelines. These will vary from event to event based on the year of battle and from company to company based on the history of the regiments to be portrayed. We have therefore left these issues to be resolved by the individual Companies and Units and of course approved by Regimental Commanders.

The USV is committed to continuing its research on 19th Century Military and Civilian impressions, and these Standards therefore shall be reviewed and updated and/or amended as necessary.

Note: No aspect of these guidelines should be interpreted in a manner that conflicts with the USV Safety Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). Implementation of these Standards shall in no way jeopardize the health and safety of participants, horses, or spectators.

ESTABLISHING THE USV CAMP PERIMETER

The Brigade Commander and his staff, with the assistance of the USV Regimental Commanders and staff, or the ranking USV Officer on site with his staff shall designate and establish the USV Camp Perimeter (CP). Designated boundaries shall be laid out and marked in advance of the event. When necessary, Cavalry and Artillery CP's, may be separated from the main CP, and once established, shall be under the control of the applicable USV ranking Cavalry officer or Artillery officer.

At a start time designated by the Brigade Commander or ranking USV officer until the time that an event ends, as communicated through the chain of command, the area inside all CP's will be restricted to 19th Century impressions and these Minimum Authenticity Standards shall then be applicable and enforced.

EVENT SET UP AND BREAKDOWN

1. The arrival and set-up of camp by individual members is to be conducted in a manner that is safe and efficient. Vehicles and Horse trailers should be unloaded as quickly as possible and then taken immediately to the designated parking area. Vehicles and Horse trailers left in the CP for even short periods of time cause congestion and anachronistic intrusions. At a time designated by the Brigade Commander or Ranking USV Officer to coincide with the start of the event, all vehicles and horse trailers must be outside of the CP.
2. The Brigade Commander or ranking USV officer shall establish a time when vehicles and horse trailers will be permitted back into the CP at the conclusion of an event. A lull in activity should not be interpreted as an opportunity to bring a vehicle into camp and pack up for a rapid departure. The breakdown and departure of camps should be conducted in a safe and orderly manner.
3. Individuals who plan on leaving an event early should make plans through their Company Commander (or regimental Commander if a Company level Officer) to break camp in a manner that will not introduce any anachronisms or vehicles into the CP. Plans should be made to detail a party of able-bodied soldiers to assist in the removal of the individual's supplies by hand outside of the CP.
4. An individual seeking to leave camp before the end of an event due to an emergency or other unforeseen circumstance should seek permission to de-camp. Only in extreme circumstances should a vehicle be introduced to the CP and only with the express consent of the Regimental Commander or, if units are brigaded together, the Brigade Commander or senior ranking USV officer.

5. At the discretion of the Brigade Commander or ranking USV officer, Provosts and guards shall be assigned to monitor gates or entry points to control the inflow of traffic into the USV CP
6. Artillery Tow Vehicles needed to transport guns from the Artillery Camp to event areas are permitted within the CP if deemed necessary by the Artillery Commander or ranking Artillery Officer. These vehicles should be parked in an unobtrusive area and hidden as much as practicable. Only Artillery Tow vehicles approved by the Artillery Commander or ranking Artillery Officer shall be parked in this designated area. All other vehicles and trailers should be parked in the designated reenactor parking area.

CAMP LIFE

1. Regimental/Battalion Commanders are free to determine whether they want to portray a military/campaign style camp or military/period civilian camp. If requested in advance, the Brigade Commander or ranking USV officer and staff shall do its best to find suitable camping arrangements for Regiments/Battalions that elect to portray a military/campaign camp.
2. All Civilians must be in period dress while camped within the USV CP and must abide by these Minimum Authenticity Standards at all times. The USV Brigade Staff will do its best to arrange for modern camping with event sponsors in a location outside of the USV CP to accommodate our members that cannot meet these requirements.
3. Generally, dog tents, she-bangs, and bedrolls should be on the extreme outer edges of the company streets. A-tents should be placed closer to the interior of the camps. Supernumerary tents such as wall tents should be on the Company Command line and the Regiment staff line. No tent flies are to be set up in the company street. Supply tents, fly's, and kitchen areas should be set in the designated areas and assume no more space than can be allocated per company by the Quartermaster Department. Sibley tents are permitted.
4. Company streets are to be kept clean and clear of all anachronisms at all times.
5. All non-period items within the CP shall be covered at all times by a period canvas, gum blanket etc. Any tent storing such items that are not individually covered or disguised shall have its flaps tied and secured at all times. Tents shall be maintained in a clean and orderly military fashion. Consider storing sleeping bags, coolers, plastic bags, bottles, etc in a period style box or barrel in order to limit the piles of canvas covered items.
6. Mess areas shall disguise modern containers. This will be considered a process that only takes a few seconds to do but adds immeasurably to the quality of the

reenactment experience. Condiments can be stored in period style jars, vials, and bottles. Eggs can be stored in baskets or bowls. Items can be covered up with towels or cloth with string tied around them.

7. Mess cooks should strive to serve period foodstuffs. Non period foodstuffs may be served but should be covered at all times. Drinks from modern containers should be poured inside of tents.
8. Trash bags should be concealed in some fashion such as a barrel or burlap sack.
9. Camp furniture should be consistent to the period. Any modern versions of period like furniture should be altered to fit the period for appropriate public presentation as authentic.
10. Cigarettes were rare and expensive and did not have filters. Cigars and pipes were more commonly smoked.
11. No wrist watches.
12. Cell phones and modern electronic devices are not to be seen or used outside of tents. All cell phone calls not made inside the confines of a tent shall be made outside of the CP. No flashlights or modern lighting equipment shall be used outside of an enclosed tent within the CP. Period style lanterns or candles should be used instead of flashlights even inside of tents. The bright glow of modern lighting equipment inside of a tent creates a very identifiable intrusion in the quiet darkness of a period camp. Cell phones and modern lighting equipment are always permitted for emergencies, but when done, must be put away as soon as practicable.
13. Flags and guidons are to be of period looking material and authentic to the unit portrayed. Any standards or flags developed for the USV Brigade Command will be consistent with flags of the period.
14. The Brigade Provost shall work with event sponsors to help eliminate and/or reroute non period shuttle vehicles from the USV CP. No non period shuttles shall be allowed to enter the USV CP if at all possible.

MILITARY ETIQUETTE

1. All soldiers will be dressed and equipped in a manner consistent with the unit being portrayed. The equipment shall conform to USV safety regulations. Items correct to certain years such as Corps Badges, should only be worn at appropriate events. Units are encouraged whenever possible to wear uniforms appropriate to their unit. In some units, the style of uniform worn at the start of the war was not the one they were wearing when mustered out. Ultimate responsibility to maintain and enforce these standards lies with the Regimental

Commanders and Company Commanders.

2. Women are permitted to fall in as soldiers, as established by the policies and practices of individual Companies, but must take efforts to impersonate a 19th century male. Company Commanders are expected to inspect said impressions for proper military disposition prior to any formation and their decision will be final.
3. Commands given by sergeants and officers shall be consistent with those used in appropriate period manuals for their arms. Modern re-enactor variations or fabrications of these commands should be avoided.
4. An individual portraying a military impression should be soldierly in dress, soldierly in carriage, and soldierly in courtesies. On all occasions of duty, except fatigue, and when out of quarters, the coat or jacket shall be buttoned and hooked at the collar and an appropriate hat, cap, kepi shall be worn.
5. Sergeants, with muskets at the shoulder, will salute by bringing the left hand across the body, so as to strike the musket near the right shoulder. Corporals out of ranks, and privates, not sentries, will carry their muskets at the shoulder as sergeants and salute in like manner. When a soldier without arms or side-arms only meets an officer, he is to raise his hand to the right side of the visor of the cap, palm to the front, elbow raised as high as the shoulder, looking at the same time in a respectful manner at the officer, who will return the compliment.
6. A non-commissioned officer or soldier seated, will rise on the approach of an officer, and make the customary salute. If standing, he will turn toward the officer for the same purpose. If parties remain in the same area, such compliments need not be repeated.
7. When an officer approaches a number of enlisted men, the word "attention" should be given by someone who perceives him and all should stand at attention and salute. An officer armed with a saber renders the saber salute if the saber is drawn; otherwise he salutes with the hand.
8. Salutes are not rendered when marching at the double quick time or at the trot or gallop.
9. Officers, Non-commissioned officers and soldiers should pay the same salutations to officers of other regiments and other service branches.
10. An Officer must always respond to the salute of a subordinate officer or non-commissioned officer or soldier.
11. When speaking to an officer, a soldier should speak in the third person such as, "Does the Captain want his horse this morning?" Do not say "Do you want your

horse this morning."

12. In speaking to an officer an enlisted man should refer to another enlisted man by his proper title, as "Sergeant Smith, Private Ryan". When asked his name a soldier should answer "Private Jones, Sir".
13. Do not use slang while speaking to an officer.
14. After a soldier finishes a task he was ordered to do, he should always report back to that same officer who gave him the order i.e. "The Captain's message has been delivered".
15. Always salute an officer just as soon as that officer makes the first move to leave.
16. Upon entering an office or tent, a soldier should knock, whether open or closed, enter, taking off the hat, and remain just inside the door until asked what is wanted; then go to a few feet from the officer, stand at attention and salute. On completion, salute, face toward the door and go out.
17. When an enlisted man receives a message, verbal or written, from an officer for delivery, he will salute, and say "Yes Sir", and execute an about-face and proceed immediately to the recipient. Upon reaching the recipient the soldier will salute and say "Sir, Captain Smith presents his compliments". If the officer sending the message is junior to the one receiving it, then the soldier will not present the compliment but say "Sir, Lt. Smith directed me to tell the Captain" etc. The compliments of a junior are never presented to a senior.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. All routine communication of orders, reports, requests and so on should be transmitted verbally or in written form through runners or mounted courier through the appropriate chain of command. On the march and in battle, orders should be transmitted similarly, as well as by bugle, drum, and when available, period correct signal corps.
2. Communication of routine requests or the status of necessities such as firewood, latrines, straw, and water should be transmitted in writing or verbally through the Quartermaster chain of command from ~~through the~~ Regimental to Brigade Quartermaster Departments.
3. Written reports and communications should be provided, when applicable, on forms identified in the Army Regulations (i.e., Morning Reports, Consolidated Morning Reports, etc) or on forms approved by the Brigade Commander.

4. The use of radios for communication between military commands should only be used in situations requiring emergent attention that affect the safety of the reenactors, civilians, and horses and/or present imminent risks to health, property, and the environment.
5. Radios will not be used under any circumstances for Officer's Call or the transmission of orders.
6. Event sponsors are frequently located at significant distances from the USV Headquarters and to assist in communications, the sponsors often provide radios for coordination purposes. These radios are frequently used on the field to coordinate scenarios and to facilitate rapid responses to emergency situations. We will make concerted efforts to only use these radios when necessary and shall make efforts to conceal them from sight.
7. Radios should be kept out of sight or carried discreetly by commanders or designated officers in clear need of modern communications for the safe and orderly conduct of the event.

TRANSPORT

1. Event sponsors from time to time may offer to provide use of a transport vehicle such as a golf cart or ATV. The USV Brigade Commander, regardless of the level of command offered by an event sponsor, should accept this transport only if there is a clear and pressing need identified in pre-planning that is related to the safe conduct of the event.
2. If the transport is accepted it will be stored in a discreet location outside of the USV CP and covered when not in use.
3. The transport will not be utilized as a personnel carrier and will never be used or driven into the USV CP unless there is an emergency as deemed by the Brigade Commander or ranking USV officer present.

ENFORCEMENT

1. Each individual member of the USV is ultimately responsible for the quality of their impression and the preservation of the heritage and sacrifice of our forbearers.
2. Company First Sergeants should inspect their company streets each morning at roll call and at any subsequent formations in their company area. They should

identify and order the removal of any non period item from the company area or on the person of any soldier under their command in accordance with these Minimum Authenticity Standards

3. Company Commanders should conduct routine inspection of their companies. This shall include the examination for and ordering the removal of any non-period item from the company area or on the body of any soldier under their command in accordance with these Minimum Authenticity Standards
4. Each morning after the submission of morning reports to Regimental Headquarters, officers duly assigned by Regimental Commanders shall inspect their camp to ensure it is in proper order and devoid of any anachronisms in accordance with these Minimum Authenticity Standards.
5. Officers duly assigned by Regimental Commanders shall submit to the USV Headquarter Provost, their report and certification that their Regimental camp has been inspected and is clear of any non period items and in compliance with these Minimum Authenticity Standards. The form of this report will be provided by the USV Headquarter Provost. Checklists may also be provided for items to look for in the inspection.
6. Officers duly assigned by Regimental Commanders shall have the authority to identify the owners of any vehicles within or near the regimental boundaries and order their removal from camp. He shall also inform the appropriate Company Commander of the infraction and subsequent actions.
7. If the owner of the vehicle cannot be identified or if the vehicle is suspected to be owned by an individual in another regiment or other non-USV organization, the USV Headquarter Provost shall be immediately notified and action shall be taken to request the event sponsor to remove the vehicle at all speed.
8. Policing of the Brigade Command camp and headquarters will fall directly upon the USV Headquarter Provost.
9. Marked or persistent violations of these Minimum Authenticity Standards shall result in reasonable penalties including but not limited to extra guard duty, kitchen assignment or the like as assigned at the discretion of the company commander, or in the case of a company wide infraction, at the discretion of the Regimental Commander or ranking officer.
10. At the conclusion of the reenacting season, Regimental Commanders should identify to Brigade Headquarters those units who in their assessment have demonstrated an exceptional level of authenticity in camp and general esprit de corps.