Battle of Ridgefield 2022

Re-enactor Agreement & Registration for April. 29-May 1st

Instructions for Registered Reenactors Please review thoroughly. All safety rules are to follow the BAR AND CL safety rules

Registration:

1. All participants are required to register for the event. Participant registration can be made through the invitation directions

2. Military reenactors not attending with their regular unit must have pre arranged with an attending unit to fall in with them or a BAR Company if a BAR member. No unattached reenactors will be allowed to participate for safety reasons.

3. Anyone wishing to bring horses to the event must have their registration approved no later than 3 weeks before the event. Anyone with horses not pre registered must get prior approval from the coordinators.

4. All participants portraying specific individuals (such as generals or politicians) must get prior approval from the event coordinator or his staff. This is to ensure that these portrayals are appropriate for the event.

5. Minors must be accompanied by a legal guardian. No one under the age of 16 may Fire any

Firearms .

6. Units must furnish proof of insurance of a 1,000,000 liability policy

7. Each individual participant is required to submit a signed, dated Risk Agreement and Waiver at sign in.

8. All participants must check in at theRegistration tent upon arrival. Check-in hours are on

Friday, April 29th from 12 pm to 9 pm and Saturday, April 30th from 7am to 10am.

9. After check-in, all reenactors must report to Continental or British Headquarters prior to setting up camp.

10. Reenactor parking will be directed at the site of each camp. This area will be designated as such during the event.

11. All vehicles must be removed from the Camp locations by 8am on Saturday .

12.. Please notify the planning committee of any special parking needs before the event (i.e. horse trailers, handicap placards).

Set up & Camp Life

1. No camp is to be set up prior to 1:00 pm on Friday, April 29th without permission from the

Planning Committee.

2. Set up camp where your unit or branch of service is assigned, do not set up anywhere unless instructed to by Camp QM . Please respect the members of our host units’ decisions in regard to camp areas. Camping areas are near water and restroom facilities.

3. Firewood is available for each encampment on a first come, first served basis and will be stacked at each camp. Please be considerate of other units when taking your wood.

4. Active fires must be attended at all times. Sod is to be removed before digging any fire pit, and is to be replaced Sunday afternoon. All unused firewood must be returned to the main woodpile at the close of the event.

5. Trash containers are to be utilized at all times.

6. No modern items should be in plain view of the spectators. Most spectators are trying to get an idea of what life was like for people during this period. Leaving modern items out will give them a poor impression, and may discourage them from supporting reenactments and living histories again.

7. While in camp: the clothing, appearance, deportment and choice of language by men and women will follow the example of that used in the period. Both sexes will adhere to the modesty standards of that time, especially when the public is present.

8. No illegal drugs, substances, or alcohol are allowed. All beverages must be in period containers or cups.

9.All quiet in camp at 11pm means just that. Noise must be kept to a minimum between 11pm and reveille at 8am. Please act as Ladies and Gentlemen during these hours.

10. Any person acting in an unsafe manner or under the influence of an illegal substance, drugs, or alcohol will be removed from the premises and not receive any benefits of this event. This includes officers, soldiers, civilians and sutlers.

11. Every Unit Commander is responsible for the conduct of their unit members. Understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the Brigade of the American Revolution and those put forth in this agreement.

12.It is in everyone’s self-interest to report all unsafe or illegal acts to his or her Unit

Commander or a direct Officer.

13. Be aware of potholes, curbs and objects on the ground in all of the fields and paths and roads.

14. Do not leave horses tied/picketed/unattended for extended periods of time in public areas (such as the historic house, near sutler tents and food vendors, etc.) Public visitors may not understand horse behavior and could endanger themselves.

15. A member of the Planning Committee or staff will be on site during all camping times. If any issue arises please seek them out .

General Conduct

1. Personal safety is of utmost importance to the town of Ridgefield and the 5th CT Regiment and The BAR, event participants, and the attending public.

2. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST STRICTLY ADHERE TO the BAR and CL Safety rules and all muskets must have a Hammerstall and a Flash guard. Cartridges will be less than 125 grains of fff black powder. NO RAMMING of paper down the barrels and no fixing of bayonets when less than 50 yards of the enemy.

3. All participants must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner for a family-oriented event at all times.

4. NO EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION will be permitted and if you do , you will be asked to leave. .

5. NO PETS are permitted on the grounds or in the camp without approval from the planning committee.

6.NO AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR will be tolerated , this includes loud arguing and of fighting or touching of anyone else. You will be asked to leave.

7. No inappropriate language or touching or any sexual conduct ,you will be asked to leave.

8. If your unit has been invited to this event and you have women in the ranks , they must appear and act as a man for the duration of the event. This goes for all soldiers, NO Jewelry, no earrings or makeup and firmly secured. Women cannot portray women pretending to be a man

in the army. Exp. Deborah Sampson, unless Deborah Sampson was actually in your unit or your unit had a woman doing such with documentation .

Weapons

1. No live ammunition will be allowed in any camps, on the battlefield, or at demonstrations.

2. Edged weapons and bayonets may be carried, but unsheathed only after prior approval of Commanders. Ramrods may be carried but are never drawn except by approved safety personnel in the performance of their duties. Ramrods may be drawn during safety inspection of arms prior to the battles.

3. Only period weapons appropriate to your unit will be permitted.

4. Full safety inspections will occur before taking the field - no exceptions.

5. No firing of weapons in camps unless approved by a Camp Officer.

6. No one under age 16 may fire a weapon .

7. NO RAMMING OF PAPER IS ALLOWED!

8. All muskets must have a hammerstall and a flash guard.

9. no more than 125 grains of fff black powder in cartridges.

10. no loading with a powderhorn or priming horn.

11. Any artillery must be inspected by the safety officer prior to use. Any gun crews must be trained and insured for participating on a gun crew.

Tear down will begin Sunday, May 1st after the end of the public hours . If you have special needs in this regard, please contact Doug Crawford (Continental) at

860-882-9384 or Steve Gardner (Crown Force) at 860-416-4497.

After The closing ceremony participants will/may receive a momento for their participation in this event . Please ask your unit commander for further details. Please be respectful and allow those units traveling the furthest access to break down first .

ABSOLUTELY NO BREAKING DOWN PRIOR TO CAMP CLOSING To the public.

Unit Name: Affiliations: BAR CL BB Not affiliated Portrayal: Continental Militia Crown Artilery Insurance Provider Policy

# Unit Commander: Person in charge at event Cell # Rank

No. Of officers:(Must be approved)

Leiut. Sergeants Corporals No.

# Of Men at arms Civilian Class Members

Demonstrations you would like to do: (must get approval)

#Of Wall Tent # of wedge tents Dining Fly Day’s attending and approx. # of

attendees for each day. Friday Sat Sunday

Please Submit This Form via Email by February 15th, 2022

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