



Simple Rules and Regulations for participants - Old Fort MacArthur Days

1. Encampments: Rifles shall be secured in racks or at stack arms. Security shall be maintained by at least one unit member to avoid theft and/or unauthorized access to arms. Children can be curious and impulsive around firearms. Similar precautions shall be taken for sidearms as well.
2. Due to current drought conditions, have your fire extinguisher, shovels and sand buckets available in your encampment. Smokers shall use a butt can while taking a smoke break. Pending conditions, smoking may be allowed only on a hard deck area, concrete or packed earth. The Fire Marshall will determine necessary rules pertaining to smoking.
3. Air soft rifles, sub machine guns and pistols will have the identifying orange tip intact. It is a felony to paint the muzzle black. In the current political environment, do not take chances.
4. Weapons handling: Muzzle awareness is paramount. Do not sweep the crowd or your fellow re-enactors with your muzzle. Do not patrol on the museum grounds. Carry rifles at sling arms while moving about the grounds. Do no play with firearms, period. Children may play with toy weapons that are clearly identifiable.
5. On the Battlefield: Load weapons only on command of the unit leader. Once the event commences, you may execute your battle plan using common sense and prescribed rules of the re-enactment community. Once the battle is complete, you will unload, clear all weapons and inspect chambers. Brass call will follow, allowing you to police the area for any empty cases, discarded clips, chargers or magazines.
6. Range flags: Two flags poles will delineate the right and left limits of the battlefield. Red flags will be flown when the area is hot. The public will not enter or cross on condition red. When the battlefield is cold, the green flags will be up. Range is clear and the public is clear to move about.
7. Test firing and snapping in: A designated area at the forward edge of the battlefield will be used to test fire and dry fire weapons. A range officer must be present during any firing at all times. All gun drills shall be conducted on the snap in range. Notify a range safety officer if you need to test fire any crew served weapons.
8. Avoid SNAFUS: Re-enactors should load and check their own magazines, clips and ammunition belts to assure proper functioning. There are no alibi strings in your event. Give the public the best show you can deliver.
9. If you have a problem, excuse yourself and see the Event Coordinator immediately! If you see a rule being broken, report it to the Event Coordinator immediately, at any time! Do not cause your group or yourself to be banned from this event for not complying with rules.
10. Public impression: You are now an educator. Be on your best behavior when answering questions from the general public. Know your equipment and be polite and articulate. Know your history, it is not being taught in school.
11. Language: Do Not Curse. Using obscenities around women and children is unnecessary and immature; you are no longer 13 years old.
12. Be professional: Keep the Spirit of a Living Historian.