

Color Guard Guidelines August 2014

General Guidelines:

1. The uniform of the color guard will be any appropriate reproduction uniform (historically correct) of the Confederate Army, Navy, or Marine Corp. The uniforms will be consistent with historical color guard usage. This means enlisted ranks only.
2. The color guard will be open to all members in good standing with the Camp.
3. A color sergeant will be elected. A second color sergeant may be appointed (or elected) to serve as backup for the first color sergeant.
4. The color sergeant will command the color guard at all events.
5. The color sergeant will use the manual of arms established by the Confederate Military. This will be either Hardee's or Gilham's; circumstances may cause modifications to be made for the safety or practical considerations of the unit.
6. Non-members may fall in with the unit if they are descendants of a Confederate veteran by the approval of the ranking officer on the field.
7. No request for participation in ceremony or a parade will be accepted unless a minimum of 3 persons confirm for the event
8. A Confederate Battle Flag and other appropriate flags for the event will be carried.
9. Requests for the Color Guard participation should be made at least 10 days in advance.

Duties of Color Sergeant:

1. Maintain and post the schedule of events.
 - a. Email
 - b. Website
2. Handle correspondence in regards to the color guard in the name of the organization.
3. Will enforce the standards and conduct as set forth in the Color Guard Guidelines. The Commander's power of enforcement supersedes that of the Color Sergeant.
4. Maintain organizations flags and equipment.
5. May request any appropriate flags and/or equipment for the unit be provided by the organization as necessary.

Color Guard Events Scheduling Policy

To schedule the Color Guard for an event, the following policy will be used.

- All Color Guard requests and scheduling of events will be forwarded to the Color Sergeant, including e-mail contacts and phone requests.
- The Color Sergeant will collect the necessary information, times, dates and locations and will respond back to the requestor as to whether the Color Guard will be able to participate.
- The Color Sergeant will contact each Color Guard member to inquire if that member is available for the date and is willing to participate in the event.
- Approved events will be posted on the camp Web site.
- When an event has been approved, the Color Sergeant will in turn send out an announcement of the upcoming event. An e-mail will be sent as a final reminder prior to the event. The events will also be listed in the camp newsletter.
- Events will be posted only after a commitment of no less than 3 color bearers. The Color Guard will not take the field with less than 3 posted colors.
- The Commander will retain control of the event up until the command is turned over to the Color Sergeant or his designated officer.
- The Commander will instruct the Webmaster to post approved events on the calendar and on the Web site.
- Additional information including driving directions will be e-mailed to the participants within one week of each event.