Policies and Procedures Manual for the New England Brigade, Inc.

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MEMBER UNITS OF THE NEW ENGLAND BRIGADE, INC.

(2019 Season)

Artillery

- Battery B, Rhode Island Light Artillery
- 2nd Connecticut Light Artillery
- 10th Connecticut Battery
- 9th Mass. Artillery
- Mounted Artillery of New England

Cavalry

- 1st Mass. Cavalry

Infantry

- 2nd Connecticut Volunteer Heavy Artillery
- 8th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry
- 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, Co. F
- 6th New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, Co. E
- 10th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Co. I
- 12th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Co. I
- 15th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry
- 20th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry
- 28nd Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Co. H
- 28th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Co. K
- 2nd Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry, Co. D
- Salem Zouaves

Civilian

- New England Civilian League

Miscellaneous

- Topographical Engineers
- U.S. Signal Corps

Safety Regulations

As many units of the New England Brigade also serve in the U.S. Volunteers (http://www.usvolunteers.org/usv.html) for national events, the NEB will use the USV's safety rules and regulations as our own. With permission, a copy of this document is available on the NEB's webpage (https://mb1020.wixsite.com/newenglandbrigade) in the "Documents" section. The interpretation of these rules and regulations is the purview of the Military Commander

All weapons (rifles, pistols, artillery pieces) will be inspected and in perfect working order before use in any demonstration.

During a demonstration, if a participant's musket misfires, the corporation and its officers will remove the affected participant until the musket is deemed safe by the corporation's designated officers. If the weapon continues to misfire, the officers will require the weapon to be removed from the firing line. The weapon will not be allowed back until inspected and passed by the NEB officers.

Artillery Safety is specifically addressed on our webpage in the "Documents" section. All member artillery units will follow the artillery rules set forth under the Standard Living History Drill Manual. The interpretation of these rules and regulations is the purview of the Military Commander in conjunction with the NEB's designated Artillery Officer.

Noncompliance with any safety rules will be grounds for disciplinary action which may include the removal from the corporation.

APPLICATION FOR UNIT MEMBERSHIP

New England Brigade, Inc.

Unit Name _____

Unit Commander Contact:

Name _____

Street _____

City /State _____

Zip _____

Home Phone ___ ___ _____ Cell Phone ___ ___ _____

Email Address _____

Website/Facebook _____

Unit Commander Signature

_____

Roll: Officers _____NCOs _____ Privates _____ Staff _____ Civilians _____ Total _____

(Please be sure to include your roster on the reverse side if this form)

Unit Type: Infantry ___ Cavalry ___ Artillery ___ Civilian ___

Other (describe) ____

Unit Founding Date _____

NEB sponsoring unit:

Sponsoring Unit: _____

Sponsoring Unit Contact:

Name _____

Street _____

City /State _____

Zip _____

Home Phone ___ ___ _____ Cell Phone ___ ___ _____

Email Address

_____

Sponsoring Unit Signature

Application Date _____

Please return this completed form with annual **$100.00 dues**

Make checks payable to: **the New England Brigade**, Inc.

Mail to:
The New England Brigade
P.O. Box 192
Northampton, MA 01061-0192

NEB Board Only:

Probation Started _____ Accepted _____

Approved Signature NEB Staff _____

Elections

According to our By-laws, only directors may choose the officers of the corporation. Directors oversee the management of the NEB as a corporation. The officers manage the NEB at events and in its day to day operations. Officers include the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Military Commander, and Civilian Coordinator. A member of the NEB may hold more than one officer position, but he/she may not hold more than one director position. At the annual meeting, members will be asked to elect directors directly. They will then be asked to elect directors/officers. The "officer" part of the ballot is in effect a poll of the membership on the candidate and the position. Once elected and following the conclusion of the annual meeting, the new Board will officially vote for the officers. The Board's vote will be based on the member poll. If a member is elected to more than one officer position, that member will only receive one vote on the Board of Directors.

As there is no proxy voting, military and civilian representatives must be present to vote. Military members may not cast votes for civilian members of their unit.

Miscellaneous

The Board is permitted to spend up to $500.00 without seeking prior permission from the membership. (12/9/19)

As a defining guideline, the corporation will not support successive events without a 2-week interval between supported events. (12/9/19)

A Statement on Civil War Reenacting

Civil War reenacting is about remembering the past, not the promotion of modern political agendas and beliefs. The purpose of Civil War reenactments and living history displays is to bring to people the memory of a time when the United States nearly self-destructed. Over 600,000 Americans died to settle their divisions. Both sides, North and South, were Americans. The results of the war included the destruction of slavery, the foundation of future civil rights for many in the 14th and 15th amendments, and a stronger, united country.

Civil War reenactors are focused on remembering this divided time to remind all where such division can take us. Reenactors hope more than anything that a living history display or a battle reenactment will spark an interest in a few of the thousands of people that view them each year, both young and old, to further research on the causes, experience, and consequences of the Civil War.

Therefore, the flags and uniforms at a Civil War living history event or battle reenactment are being displayed in a mobile living history museum. As with any museum, the purpose is to educate and inspire, and to encourage an appreciation of history. We are just trying to pull back the curtain of time for all to get a glimpse and a sense of a way of life long gone but not forgotten.