

*Company C, 28<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry*  
*Suggested Normal Camp Routines*  
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**Pre-Event**

- 1) **Attendance:** Sergeants to utilize information from squad calls to determine who is arriving when and formulate duty squads and possible special activities for the weekend.
- 2) **Camp Setup:** On Friday evening, the two senior NCOs on site will supervise layout and setup of the camp including the fly, farb tent, and company street. We are going to make sturdy posts and guidelines to be kept with the company gear that can be utilized repeatedly for the purpose of maintaining a well-aligned company street. Officers and NCOs will detail men to assist civilians with setup whenever possible.
- 3) **Weapon inspection:** All muskets will be inspected by senior NCOs on Friday evening so that any issues can be handled by Saturday morning. Anyone day tripping for an event will be required to submit his weapon to a senior NCO for inspection upon arrival. Senior NCOs will be the final arbiter regarding acceptance of weapons and will also determine whether individuals adequate ordnance for the weekend.
- 4) **Duty Squads:** Duty Squads will be posted on Friday evening and again on Saturday evening. Half of the company will be on duty all day on Saturday and the other half of the company will be on duty all day on Sunday. The four corporals will be assigned to one duty shift each and will be required to handle duty issues from the available pool of privates during his time slot. The corporals' shifts will break out as follows.
  - a) **Shift 1:** 7:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Saturday)
  - b) **Shift 2:** 12:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (Saturday)
  - c) **Shift 3:** 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (Sunday)
  - d) **Shift 4:** 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. or close of event (Sunday)

**Typical Event Routines (Saturday and Sunday)**

- 1) **Morning Roll Call:** Roll call will be at 7:00 a.m. sharp. Troops are expected to fall in with forage cap and fatigue blouse or regulation coat with the top button fastened. This roll call will be conducted as prescribed in Kautz's *Customs of Service* without weapons.
- 2) **Tent Layouts:** Immediately following roll call all men will lay out tents properly before retiring to breakfast.

- 3) **Camp Policing and Canteen Filling:** Immediately following breakfast, the senior NCOs will inspect all tents while the morning duty squad attends to camp policing (farb tent, trash, general cleanup, breakfast cleanup, etc.). The morning duty squad will also fill all canteens at this point. They will be required to utilize a clean water source other than the barrel or the plastic jugs inside the farb tent whenever possible.
- 4) **Afternoon Roll Call:** Afternoon roll call will be conducted at company formation for battle or drill demonstration (dependent upon the event structure). This roll call will be conducted in full uniform and under arms as prescribed in Kautz's *Customs of Service*. **N.B.** We want to conduct this roll call for a few reasons. First, the regulations call for multiple roll calls throughout the day. Second, it is a safety issue. It lets us know exactly who is coming out to the battle or demonstration with us.
- 5) **Evening Roll Call:** The final roll call of the day will be conducted as in #4. This is an added safety measure to make sure we have everyone back that we took out into the field and adds to camp authenticity. A ceremony will be held after evening roll call or dinner to retire the colors.
- 6) **Musket Cleaning:** Immediately following the evening/after action roll call, muskets will be stacked on the company street. A break will be given the men the duration of which will be at the discretion of the senior NCO. Cleaning will commence after that break and will be supervised by the senior NCOs. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 7) **Camp Policing:** The afternoon duty squad will assist with camp policing as well as dinner preparation and cleanup much as described in #3.

### **Special Drill Topics**

- 1) **Special Drills and Field Seminars:** As part of the effort to reduce boredom and idle downtime, we are suggesting that the senior NCOs lead special drills from time to time depending upon the event in question and its preexisting schedule. These drills or field seminars would last no more than 20 minutes each. Suggested topics are below.
  - a) **Militärübungen (The German Drill)**
  - b) **McClellan's Bayonet Exercise**
  - c) **Stacking Lessons and Competitions**
  - d) **Equipment Checks and Proper Wearing of the Uniform**
  - e) **The Three Fs of Safety: Facings, Firings and Footwork**
  - f) **Firing Competitions**
  - g) **Sports in Camp**
  - h) **The Basics of Proper Skirmish Drill**
  - i) **Cooking in Camp with Army Rations**

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