

10TH REGIMENT OF FOOT

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American Contingent
Hon. Col. Vincent J-R Kehoe,
Commanding

ORDERS RELATIVE TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE AMERICAN CONTINGENT WITH OTHER UNITS DURING THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 1974 through 1983.

It has become increasingly evident that as well as having strict and stringent Regimental Rules and Regulations in regards to dress, appearance, arms, equipment and so forth, the American Contingent must begin to formulate some rules of participation in events with other units (in addition to the Rules of Warfare for re-created events) so as to guarantee that wherever we shall appear shall not only reflect dignity on the corps, but as well, assure us that we are appearing with units that have the same or like stringency of appearance Regulations in order that this Regiment can fully associate itself with pride with such other units. It is not enough to be the "best, most authentic unit on the field" in the minds of themselves, but re-created units (that should all have this pride of feeling) should be formed and act with other units of like interest and level of progress.

The hair regulations in regards to head and facial hair growth must be observed for any degree of authenticity, as well as and in concert with, uniform and arms rules. Having a perfect outfit with excellent reconstructed arms and equipment, and being stitch-for-stitch, material-for-material, pattern-for-pattern, enthusiast for authenticity--but appearing on the field with an out-of-period moustache for any reason whatsoever, is patternly ridiculous--to say the least! A zipper fly is just as unauthentic as a beard on a soldier of the British Forces, -or a moustache, or long sideburns, or short hair on the head that is without a hairpiece or wig to be proper. Many orderly books of American forces do show that hair regulations were observed and followed in the period, so that the excuse of some units to curry modern-cut beards or such, are again unauthentic and degrade the appearance of an 18th century re-created unit.

The American Contingent, therefore, shall associate itself in any form of endeavor in the future, with only those units that do prescribe such strictness of period re-creation in their Rules and Regulations so as to guarantee that we appear in context and in accompaniment with such units.

As well, for any event contracted for and by the Tenth Foot American Contingent, only Regimental members or those approved of and attached to the Regiment by order of the Colonel shall be allowed to participate in the event.

If the Regiment takes part in an event to which other re-created units are invited who do not ascribe to such standards of dress, arms and behavior as so stipulated for the Regiment, the Colonel reserves the right to withdraw the Regiment from participation. However, the Colonel may also order that the Regiment perform as a separate unit from such other units in such an event.

The Colonel reserves the right to select the position of the Regiment in any parade they attend and be assured that proper distances from other units, possibly marching at different tempos and music, shall be maintained. At no time will the Regiment be grouped or brigaded with other units or organizations without the express permission of the Colonel.

All those units or individuals attached to the Regiment on a temporary basis for any event by the sponsor of the event shall be approved by the Colonel of the Regiment and come under the direct command, orders and regulations of the Regiment.

All those individuals such as Suttlers and other civilians that are attached to the Regiment by order of the Colonel shall come under the direct command, orders and regulations of the Regiment.

Per order



Commanding Officer
Tenth Foot American Contingent

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