

SO 02-001-0515: Admittance to Ranks

Applicants who wish to join the Regiment must:

1. Be male.
2. Be female, although be able by stature, carriage and strength to carry off a male impression.
3. In order to carry a musket, be at least 15 years of age and at least 5 feet (60 inches) tall—the recruit needs to be taller than his musket, which is about 58".
4. In order to be a Musician, be at least 10 years of age and at least 4 feet (48 inches) tall.
5. If under 18 years of age, obtain written permission from parents or guardians.
6. Since we portray 18th century soldiers and march about in the sun, dressed in wool, in the summertime, be able to maintain his/her basic health and appearance appropriately for this activity:
 - a. Members must maintain sufficient health, stamina, and body strength to carry their uniform, accoutrements, arms, and backpack on a brisk march of three miles in warm weather without undue health risk (appropriate rest and water stops are assumed).
 - b. Soldiers are expected to maintain a level of physical fitness commensurate for the activities they will be expected to perform.
 - c. All members must be clean shaven, meaning no facial hair when appearing in any Regimental uniform (no stubble, mustache, beard, long sideburns or mutton chops, etc.).
7. Fill out and submit an Application along with a deposit payment of at least \$200.00.
8. Renounce any other membership in any other American War for Independence (AWI) era recreated military unit. Dual memberships are not allowed for members of the 10th Regiment as it creates a commitment conflict. Accordingly, if an individual is a member of a non-AWI re-enacting unit, the individual must commit first to any and all 10th Foot events over any other re-enacting groups' scheduled events. The Commanding Officer may give an exception only to Recruit Musicians who hold membership in a non-military marching band (such as the 4-H or William Diamond).

Once the Applicant is accepted as a Recruit, in order to be Sworn to Service the Recruit must complete the following steps within 12 months of acceptance:

1. **Uniform and Equipment:** The Recruit must have a complete uniform, including all accoutrements, arms and accessories, relevant to the Recruit's assigned company.
2. **Levy Payments:** The Recruit must have a \$0 balance with the Regiment.
3. **Exercises:** The Recruit must know the marching maneuvers and have completed a Recruit School to the satisfaction of the chief instructor of the school where the maneuvers were performed in ranks.
 - a. If carrying a musket, as determined by the Regimental Serjeant Major and the Recruit's company Serjeants:
 - i. Must demonstrate the maturity and common sense appropriate to the handling of firearms and bayonets.
 - ii. Sufficient upper body strength to control and handle the musket safely.
 - iii. Must demonstrate proficiency in the Regiment's Manual of Arms.
 - iv. Must demonstrate knowledge of Regimental safety rules as found on the Regiment's website by signing a witnessed copy and reciting its basic points to his company's Serjeants.
 - b. To fire a musket, as determined by the Recruit's company Commanding Officer and Serjeants along with the Regimental Serjeant Major:

- i. All of the above plus:
 - ii. Be at least 16 years of age.
 - c. For Musicians:
 - i. Must show proficiency with the musical instrument assigned, as determined by either the Drum Major or the Fife Major.
 - ii. Must demonstrate knowledge of Regimental safety rules as found on the Regiment's website by signing a witnessed copy and reciting its basic points to either the Drum Major or the Fife Major.
- 4. **Serjeant's Exam:** The Regimental Serjeant Major must attest that the Recruit appeared in #2 Dress uniform, passed a uniform inspection as well as a Serjeant's Examination and is ready to join the ranks.
- 5. Attend and participate in 75% of the Regiment's scheduled events, 3 of which must be parades.
- 6. Attend and participate in 8 out of 11 scheduled monthly Drills.
- 7. **Swearing-in the Recruit:** A Recruit will be sworn to service when the Regimental Serjeant Major has notified the Commanding Officer that the Recruit has completed all of the above steps. At a time and place designated by the Commanding Officer, the Recruit will be Sworn to Service before the Regiment, in full uniform and under arms, by being given the Oath and presented with the King's Shilling, denoting his acceptance of pay in the King's Service.

NOTE: It is highly recommended that all potential recruits read the complete Regimental Standing Orders (found here) before applying for membership.