



By-Laws Revision History

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2006-09-23. Changed #5 to #5a. Added #5b to read:

5b. Event Attendance rosters must be received by the Battalion Adjutant no more than thirty (30) days after the conclusion of any event on the Battalion schedule. Rosters received by the Adjutant after that time period may not count towards recognition for Battalion privileges such as voting rights. All Attendance Rosters must be received by the adjutant no less than thirty (30) days prior to scheduled Battalion elections; events that occur at and/or after that thirty (30) day window will be considered for the following years attendance requirements. The Battalion Adjutant has sole authority to extend (only) the requirement minimum if circumstances dictate.

2007-02-03. Added #21. By vote at Rivers Bridge.

21. Prior to qualifying to become a new Palmetto Battalion Company you must petition the Colonel of the Palmetto Battalion to make your intent known. To obtain new company status for the infantry in the Palmetto Battalion you must have in attendance 20 rifles (men in the ranks and on the field), not including the company officers for a minimum of 5 Battalion Affiliated events or 4 Battalion Affiliated events and one "Other" event. "Other" event is defined as an event that cant be used for voting purposes during the reenactment year from July the 1st through June 30th. Company officers are defined as Captain and Lieutenant. Rifles are those who have paid Battalion dues and in the ranks for drill and battle. During the year of obtaining your eligibility you may be assigned to another Palmetto Battalion Company at the discretion of the Colonel. Once these guidelines have been met, the Palmetto Battalion membership will vote to allow or disallow Company status. If approved by the general membership the Colonel will assign a new company a letter. There will never be more that ten (10) companies in the Palmetto Battalion.

2007-02-03. Added #22. By vote at Rivers Bridge.

*22. To remain an Infantry Company in the Palmetto Battalion you must put on the field a minimum of 16 rifles for three affiliated events or two affiliated events and one "Other" event for a period from July the 1st to June 30th of the reenacting year. Affiliated and "Other" events are defined as those events that have been voted on and approved by the Palmetto Battalion membership for voting purposes. Rifles are defined as men in the ranks and on the field with muskets not including the Company officers as shown in the total column of the from one (1) morning report. Company officers are defined as Captain and Lieutenant. Any man who would normally carry a rifle will also be counted "in the ranks and on the field" if he is a working volunteer for that company hosting the event. This should be noted on the form one (1) morning report. The morning report and weekend roster will be used to determine the amount of rifles. * If the company does not meet the 16 rifle requirement then that company(s) is placed on probation for a year. If the 16 rifle requirement is not met the second year then the Colonel will assign that company to another company. The company can continue working on their numbers and if they meet the 16 rifle requirement during a future reenacting year from July the 1st to June the 30th they can petition the Battalion membership to have their company letter back. The Colonel has the authority to combine companies for parade, drill and the battle as he sees needed for uniformity.*

** The matter will be discussed with the company commander if 16+ rifles are being reported on the morning report and less is attending parade and drill.*

2007-07-02. Corrected #6 changing the dues from 15.00 to 20.00. By vote sometime in 2005.

6. The dues for membership in the Palmetto Battalion are \$ 20.00 per man payable on or before the 1st of July of each year.

2008-07-21. Corrected #5a. By vote at Boone Hall in 11/2004. Note: At the time there was no #5a and #5b, only by-law #5. By-law #5 became #5a in 2006.

Previously:

5. "Active members" are members who not only pay their dues but those who attend at least three(3) events per year, (two(2) Battalion Affiliated) portraying an active military impression. Only those "active members" are entitled to vote in elections and in determining Battalion policy.

Changed to:

5. "Active members" are members who not only pay their dues, but who attend at least two "Battalion Affiliated" events and one "Other" event. Only those "active members" are entitled to vote in elections and in determining Battalion Policy. Only "active members" portraying ACTIVE military impression will be allowed to vote on issues identified as military, such as the annual calendar, military leadership within the Battalion and etc. All "active members" will be permitted to vote on non-military issues.

2008-09-28. Changed #6. By vote at Battalion elections in Columbia.

Previous:

6. The dues for membership in the Palmetto Battalion are \$ 20.00 per man payable on or before the 1st of July of each year.

Changed to:

6. The dues for membership in the Palmetto Battalion are \$20.00 per adult, \$10.00 for children under 16, and \$50.00 max for a family in the same household. This is payable on or before the 1st of July of each year.

2008-09-28. Changed #13. By vote at Battalion elections in Columbia.

Previously:

13. No member of the Palmetto Battalion shall serve more than three(3) consecutive terms as Colonel of the Battalion. After completion of three(3) consecutive terms, the Colonel may return to the ranks or, if elected, to some other staff position. Nothing in this article is intended to preclude a past commander from serving this required break in service and again serving as Colonel should he be so elected.

Changed to:

13. No member of the Palmetto Battalion shall serve more than six (6) consecutive terms as Colonel of the Battalion. After completion of six (6) consecutive terms, the Colonel may return to the ranks or, if elected, to some other staff position. Nothing in this article is intended to preclude a past commander from serving this required break in service and again serving as Colonel should he be so elected.

2008-09-28. Changed #17. By vote at Battalion elections in Columbia.

Previously:

17. The Palmetto Battalion condemns the improper or exploitative use of its services such as films or videos which are not part of a regular reenactment unless and until proper compensation is given for the Battalion's service. A vote of the staff shall determine proper compensation.

Changed to:

17. The Palmetto Battalion will not condone the filming or videoing of its activities for the purpose of profit, without the express consent of the Battalion staff. Any filming or videoing of the Battalion's activities for profit may be done only after compensation for the Battalion's services has been agreed upon and received by the Battalion staff, and on the written assurance such film or video will not be used by the producer in an improper or exploitative fashion. This clause does not prohibit the filming or videoing of the Battalion's activities at a regular reenactment by not for profit parties, provided the name of the Palmetto Battalion is not used. Additionally, the event host is responsible for denying security access to the event site by profit seekers wishing to film the Battalion's activities without the Battalion's authorization.

2008-09-28. Added #23. By vote at Battalion elections in Columbia.

23. Battalion members who are members of the Armed Forces, and their reserves, and currently deployed overseas in a combat zone, may be counted as "Active Members" and their battalion dues waived for the time they are deployed. These members may not be counted as "Rifles on the Field" by their perspective unit for the purpose of establishing or maintaining company status, but may be recognized on the Form-One Morning Report and during parade as being on "Detached Service" to bring attention to their service to the country.

2008-09-28. Added #24. By vote at Battalion elections in Columbia.

24. One (1) position for Major of Artillery will be established at the PB command staff level. This individual will be the overall commander of Artillery at all PB affiliated events. The duties of this position will be to assure that the rules, regulations, policies and procedures set forth by the PB are adhered to at affiliated events and to coordinate the deployment of the guns and the overall command of the artillery on the field. Due to the highly technical nature of the Artillery, all candidates must meet the following minimum requirements established for this position:

- (1) The candidate will be a member in good standing of the PB and one of its artillery batteries for five (5) years and will have attended a minimum of three (3) events per year for each year during that entire period, prior to election.*
 - (2) The candidate will have five (5) years of documented experience within the artillery branch, prior to election.*
 - (3) The candidate will have held any of the following positions in the PB or one of its batteries for a period of one (1) year, prior to election: 2nd. Lt. of Artillery in any battery in the PB. This service need not be concurrent to the election year and prior service is acceptable.*
 - (4) The candidate will hold a current qualification as a gun crew member from the National Civil War Artillery Association (NCWAA). This qualification must be kept current for the term of office.*
 - (5) The candidate will have attended Officers/ NCO Training School held by the PB, prior to election.*
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