

## **Palmetto Battalion Field Orders**

1. The Palmetto Battalion shall be comprised of one (1) colonel, one (1) lieutenant colonel, one (1) lieutenant, one (1)sergeant major, one (1) color sergeant, and for each company, one (1) captain, (1) lieutenant, two (2) sergeants, and four (4) corporals. He colonel has the right to brevet a major should he feel the need to fill that position.
2. For the purpose of changing Field orders and Safety Regulations and governing the battalion, the staff of the Palmetto Battalion shall consist of the colonel, lieutenant colonel, adjutant, sergeant major, past commander, the captains of each field company or, in his absence the lieutenant or first sergeant and one (1) representative from each regimental unit not represented in this structure. Appointed members may attend in an advisory capacity, but will have no vote.
3. All staff positions are elected with the exception of the adjutant, surgeon, Vindicator editor aide-de-camp, quartermaster sergeant and provost. These positions are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the colonel.
4. The battalion colonel shall act as moderator at all meetings. The colonel may call such meetings of the battalion staff as he deems necessary.
5. The surgeon shall carry the rank of captain. Other doctors and staff will carry appropriate rank as determined by the staff. The surgeon should be an MD or a trained EMT.
6. The adjutant shall carry the rank of first lieutenant and shall act as secretary at all meetings, assist the colonel with correspondence, keep records pertaining to the battalion and act as treasurer.
7. The sergeant major will maintain a roster at events, assign details such as fatigue duty, provost and camp guards, as fair as possible, and assist the officers in carrying out all duties.
8. The color sergeant is charged with the responsibility for the care, custody and security of the battalion colors.
9. Unit commanders are responsible for the conduct of their men, to ensure that their men are well drilled, and that they are informed of battalion matters as well as current with battalion dues.
10. Sergeants and corporals will assist with the drills and maintain good order among the men as well as carrying out all orders given to them by the sergeant major or battalion officers.
11. All battalion officers and NCOs are responsible for the good order and discipline of the men.
12. All non-battalion members seeking to fall in with our battalion at any event must have prior approval of the staff.
13. The Palmetto Soldiers Relief Society (PSRS) as the auxiliary of the battalion may empower its president or a substitute to attend staff meeting and bring such business as the PSRS deems necessary. The PSRS shall have voting rights on non-military maters only.

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14. Any specialty impressions must be approved by the battalion staff.
15. All units are required to furnish manpower for the fatigue duty, provost, camp guard and other functions as required by the sergeant major.
16. At any battalion event in which meal tickets are sold, anyone not purchasing a ticket will not be allowed to eat. (REMOVED BY VOTE OF MEMBERSHIP ON JUNE 8, 1996)
17. Ladies will not function on the field of battle as soldiers without prior approval of the company involved.
18. No unit of the Palmetto Battalion will act independently during a re-enactment without prior approval of the colonel.
19. Modern equipment must be kept from sight when the camp is open to the public.
20. Cigarette smoking is prohibited while the camp is open to the public.
21. Members not present at morning muster may be subject to extra duty as assigned by the sergeant major.
22. Members not present at assigned drills may be restricted from participation in that day's battle(s). Only a prior written excuse from that member's commander will excuse an absence.
23. Any new member accepted into the battalion after April 17, 1993 shall be required to purchase or procure the Richmond Depot type II medium gray shell jacket (with belt loops, without epaulets) as a first jacket or coat. Further specified is the purchase or procurement of the federal standard issue pattern sky blue kersey enlisted trouser as a first trouser of pants.
24. No one under the age of eighteen (18) years of age shall be allowed to participate in any function sponsored by the Palmetto Battalion, Inc. or any unit thereof unless he/she is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who shall remain present throughout that function. A legal guardian shall be any adult who has in his/her possession a signed Temporary Custody Agreement, which is available from the battalion adjutant upon request.
25. Newly elected lieutenants shall hold the rank of second lieutenant for their first year in grade. Those re-elected after serving a year's time in grade may petition the staff for approval to assume the rank of first lieutenant. Once approved, they may remain a first lieutenant as long as they are elected to that position.

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26. For the purpose of determining each member's event participation and thereby voter eligibility, the senior NCO present from each company shall perform roll call each morning and fill in the muster form provided by the adjutant. Upon completing the final roll call of the event/weekend, he shall sign and immediately deliver the form to the sergeant major. In the event the sergeant major is absent, the form may be mailed to him within seven (7) days of the event. The sergeant major will then, at his earliest convenience, be charged with delivering the completed muster forms to the adjutant. It is the responsibility of each member of the Palmetto Battalion to be aware of the time and place of morning roll call and attend same. Members failing to attend morning roll call may fail to receive credit for attending a given event. In the event that a company is split, separate musters should be taken and then combined by the senior NCO of that company before submittal.
27. For the purpose of the battalion schedule, events listed will be classified in one of the following three categories and assigned by the staff at the yearly event planning meeting.  
  
BATTALION SPONSORED – events that are planned and paid for by the battalion and where the battalion rank structure and by-laws apply.  
  
BATTALION AFFILIATED – events that are planned and paid for by a regimental unit but the battalion rank structure and by-laws apply.  
  
REGIMENTAL – events that are planned and paid for by a regimental unit and neither the battalion rank structure and by-laws apply.
28. The use of shotguns is prohibited on the field unless prior approval is received from the colonel.
29. No one under sixteen (16) years of age may participate on the field during a battle, skirmish, tactical or similar event unless they are: a functional musician at least twelve (12) years old; an artilleryman at least fourteen (14) years old, except for position 1 – 4 which must be sixteen (16) years old; or a medical steward at least fourteen (14) years old.
30. A principle musician will be appointed by the colonel to be in charge of all battalion field musicians and coordinate field music performance with the staff, check qualification of musicians before entry on the field, drill musicians at battalion events, maintain a list of qualified musicians with rank and age (if under 16), and publish a list of preferred tunes and sources for music. A drum/fife major will be appointed to assist the principle musician in the area that is not his primary instrument (fife major if principle musician is drummer, drum major if principle musician is fife) Only functionally qualified musicians will be allowed to participate at battalion events. Requirements for qualification are minimum age of twelve (12), authentic uniform and instrument, ability to follow basic marching commands, certification as drummer/fife by the International Association of Field Musicians or ability to play Yankee doodle, Bonnie Blue, Welcome Here and Ed Kellog's. Participation can be revoked if a musician refuses to participate in drills or to follow instructions from the acting principle musician or drum/fife major.
31. There will be no pets brought to a Palmetto Battalion sanctioned event by a member of the Palmetto Battalion.