

THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR FIELD MUSIC SCHOOL

January 5th, 2012

On behalf of the National Association for Civil War Brass Music and Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum, we would like to thank you for volunteering to assist the outstanding musical faculty and military staff of the 2012 National Civil War Field Music School!

Military volunteers will assist with drilling the participants in School of the Musician, provide a 24-hour guard, practice skirmish drill and dress parades, and present public demonstrations for Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum visitors. Civilian volunteers will assist with meals, including preparing, heating, and serving food and washing dishes, and may also assist with registration or with greeting the public.

In this packet, you will find directions to Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum (see www.holcombe-jimison.org/directions.html), uniform/clothing guidelines for military and civilian volunteers at the School, a list of required and recommended items to bring, a list of items NOT to bring, and an overview of the schedule for the School.

These pages and the resources posted at www.nationalcivilwarfieldmusicschool.com should provide all the information you need to prepare for your participation in this event. Please read this information carefully and contact us with any questions you may have. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Les Salsbury
School Director

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GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN

Registration will take place at the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum beginning at 2:00 pm on Friday, June 8, 2012.

All military and civilian volunteers **must** submit a signed release form, medical information, and photo permission form before taking part in the School. If you are under 18, your parent or legal guardian must sign the forms in advance or must be present when you register to sign your forms. These forms were included in the registration packet, and you will have received an e-mail after you registered either confirming that all your forms have been completed or reminding you to complete them. All fees must be paid in full and all forms must be received by the time you complete your registration if this has not been done already.

ORIENTATION

The School begins with orientation at 7:00 pm Friday, so please make sure to arrive in plenty of time to register and settle in before orientation.

FINAL DRESS PARADE AND CLOSING CEREMONY

The final dress parade and closing ceremony of the School will take place at the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum at 1:00 pm on Sunday afternoon and is open to the public. Family and friends are invited to attend and see all participants demonstrate what they have learned during the course of the weekend. Military volunteers will also take part in this dress parade. The closing ceremony will end by 2:00 pm, at which time all volunteers are free to depart.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Cell phone use is not permitted during the School. Volunteers may be contacted in the event of an emergency at **(609) 397-4943**.

DIRECTIONS TO HOLCOMBE-JIMISON FARMSTEAD MUSEUM

1605 Daniel Bray Highway (Rte. 29)

The Museum is located on Route 29 just north of Lambertville, NJ. If you are traveling on Route 202 in New Jersey, use "last exit before toll" and follow signs to Farmstead. From Pennsylvania, exit immediately after crossing toll bridge into New Jersey. Museum is on the right.

HOUSING

Military and civilian volunteers of the NCWFMS will provide their own period-appropriate tents and will set up camp as directed. Firewood and water will be provided by Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum.

Military volunteers of the NCWFMS will provide a 24-hour guard to ensure the safety and security of all participants and respond to any needs for assistance.

MEALS

Volunteer registration for the National Civil War Field Music School includes five full period-style meals prepared and served by NCWFMS volunteers. From breakfast on Saturday through dinner (lunch) on Sunday, you will be well fed.

Do not bring any modern food or drink, or any snacks, candy, or gum with you. The only exception to this rule is if you are bringing something such as a sandwich to be eaten for supper on Friday evening prior to orientation. If you need additional food at times other than regularly-scheduled meals, for a medical reason, please note that on the appropriate form.

Please **do** bring your canteen for water. You may also bring a tin cup (marked with your name or other identifying mark) for your personal use. Civilian volunteers should bring an appropriate stoneware, ceramic or other drinking cup.

NOTE - If you have elected not to eat the meals provided by the School, your reduced volunteer registration fee is \$10.00 and you will be responsible for your own meals during the weekend, which must be arranged so as to fit the schedule of the School.

UNIFORMS FOR MILITARY VOLUNTEERS

There shall be at least one company of Infantry at the National Civil War Field Music School. If one company is formed, it shall be Federal. If two companies are formed (depending on numbers), one shall be Federal, the second Confederate. The military staff commanding the School shall be Federal.

Proper dress and decorum is expected from all Infantry troops. The Infantry will set the example for all the students. This is a garrison event, so troops are expected to have clean uniforms, polished brass, blackened leathers and white gloves.

This is not a campaign event. Bare feet are **not allowed** under any circumstances. Wristwatches, modern footwear and modern eyewear (glasses) are **not allowed**. Sunglasses are **not allowed**. Please see the guidelines below for specific information about uniforms appropriate for the National Civil War Field Music School.

If you have any specific questions about authenticity or need assistance regarding your uniform, please contact nationalfms@gmail.com.

Coat (no rank or other insignia, no medals)

Four button sack coat (fatigue blouse) - US
Shell Jacket - US or CS
Standard enlisted frock coat - US or CS

Trousers (no rank)

Standard sky blue infantry trousers - US
Jeans cloth trousers, either gray, tan or butternut – CS

Hat or cap (no corps badges or animal decorations of any kind)

Forage cap – US
Kepi – CS

Shirt

Military issue shirt (domet flannel) – US
Civilian pattern shirt (cotton shirting or homespun, plaids or stripes, period-appropriate colors) – US or CS

Shoes

Brogans or other period correct leather footwear (such as civilian boots or shoes), either smooth or rough side out

Other Items

Leather belt with brass buckle (US, CS, or state buckle acceptable)
Haversack
Canteen (MANDATORY)
Accoutrements

CLOTHING FOR CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS

The School is set up as a military-run event, and technically civilians would not have been present, but your valuable assistance will be much appreciated! All civilian volunteers should strive to add to the authenticity of the living history experience for all the participants, and not detract from it in any way. You may also have the opportunity to interact with the public at times, although most of your work may be outside the public view (as well as literally outside).

Clothing for female civilian volunteers

Practical work clothing is appropriate for this event, and if you have any aprons, please bring them. You will set up and serve meals and wash dishes and cooking/serving pans. Some cooking or reheating of food will also be required.

-Dresses should be work dresses or plainer day dresses with long sleeves and minimal trim. Appropriate underpinnings and shoes should be worn.

-**No** hoop skirts.

-**No** Pagoda sleeve (open sleeve) bodices.

-Absolutely **no** synthetic blend fabrics, PLEASE, for safety reasons. 100% cotton or wool only (linen or silk would also be safe fabrics but are less appropriate for a work dress).

-Aprons are recommended during work shifts.

-You may not need headwear while working in the kitchen area, but will want some kind of bonnet for when you're outside - straw, fabric covered, quilted, or slat bonnets appropriate to the period are all suitable for this event. Most hats of the period were either fashionable wear or were age specific and as such are not appropriate at this event except for young girls. If you have any questions about bonnets vs. hats, please ask.

-No fancy hairstyles are needed, just part it in the center and pull it back into a bun. Or if you have long hair and want to put it in braids and pin them up, that's fine too. The center part is the critical aspect of the hairstyle. Bangs are not appropriate for this time period.

-Absolutely **no** crocheted snoods. Hair nets (optional) should be of a fine mesh and should match your hair color.

-Visible cosmetics (eye shadow, eye liner, lipstick, heavy mascara, etc.) are highly discouraged.

-Please limit your jewelry to a wedding ring (if applicable) and a brooch for your collar.

-Wristwatches are **not allowed**, but pocket watches are acceptable.

-Modern footwear and eyewear (glasses) are **not allowed**. Sunglasses are **not allowed**.

Clothing for male civilian volunteers

Everyday or working clothing is appropriate. You will not be doing heavy manual labor, but you will need to be able to do things such as manage a fire pit, serve food, set up benches, tables, and straw bales, and wash dishes and cooking/serving pans, so your good Sunday suit would not be appropriate.

- Absolutely **no** synthetic blend fabrics PLEASE, for safety reasons. 100% cotton, linen, or wool only (silk would also be a safe fabric but would not be appropriate for male working attire except as a cravat).
- Appropriate socks and shoes should be worn (please ask if you have any questions).
- You may not need headwear while working in the kitchen area, but please have an appropriate hat for the rest of the time.
- Vests and cravats (neck ties) for male civilians are optional but very appropriate.
- Please limit your jewelry to a wedding ring (if applicable).
- Wristwatches are **not allowed**, but pocket watches are acceptable.
- Modern footwear and eyewear (glasses) are **not allowed**. Sunglasses are **not allowed**.

WHAT ELSE TO BRING

Tent

Tent poles

Tent stakes, ropes, etc.

Blanket(s), bedroll, or sleeping bag (period-correct if possible but modern items are allowed if necessary)

Pillow (if desired)

Rubberized ground cloth or poncho for rainy weather (if desired)

Sleeping cap (if desired)

Candle lantern with candles and safety matches or flashlight and batteries

Tooth brush

Tooth paste

Soap

Washcloth & towel

Bug repellent

Sunscreen

Prescription medications (if necessary – please list all medications on medical release form)

Money for shopping at the quartermaster's table (if desired)

Period knapsack for storing personal items in your tent (carpet bag is appropriate for civilian volunteers, modern backpack or duffle bag is acceptable if you do not have a knapsack)

Period greatcoat or civilian overcoat for chilly weather (if applicable or desired)

Change of clothes for trip home (if desired)

Folding chair or camp stool (if desired)

Other items such as you would have in your tent at a re-enactment for your personal comfort

WHAT **NOT** TO BRING

Electronic devices of any kind (radios, iPods, video games, CD players, TVs, etc.)

Food, snacks, candy, gum, soft drinks, etc.

Wristwatches

Cell phones

Alcohol

Cigarettes

Cigarette lighters

Drugs

Jewelry other than a wedding ring (if applicable)

Valuables

Modern items of any kind other than those listed under "What Else To Bring" above

2012 SCHEDULE OVERVIEW FOR MILITARY VOLUNTEERS

(As of January 5, 2012- subject to change)

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2012

2:00 PM Registration opens at Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum
7:00 PM Welcome Meeting - Orientation
9:30 PM Tattoo - Bugle/Fife & Drum
10:00 PM Extinguish Lights

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2012

6:15 AM Reveille
7:30 AM Breakfast
8:25 AM Guard Mount
10:30-11:15 AM Drill & Dress Parade practice
11:30 AM Dress Parade
12:05 PM Dinner Call
5:30 PM Evening Dress Parade - Retreat
6:00 PM Supper Call
9:30 PM Tattoo - Bugle/Fife & Drum
10:00 PM Extinguish Lights

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2012

6:15 AM Reveille
7:30 AM Breakfast
8:15 AM Church Call (optional period church service)
9:15 AM Guard Mount
11:15 AM Dress Parade practice
11:50 AM Dinner Call
12:55 PM Assembly/To The Color
1:00 PM Closing Ceremony, Dress Parade, Pass in Review

NOTE - The above schedule is an outline only. Additional military drill, skirmishing by the bugle, public demonstrations for visitors, and other activities will also be scheduled.

2012 SCHEDULE OVERVIEW FOR CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS

(As of January 5, 2012 – subject to change)

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2012

2:00 PM Registration opens
 Set up kitchen area as needed
7:00 PM Welcome Meeting – Orientation
8:00 PM Assign meal details for weekend
9:30 PM Tattoo - Bugle/Fife & Drum
10:00 PM Extinguish Lights

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2012

6:15 AM Reveille – report for Breakfast duty (some will report earlier)
7:30 AM Breakfast
8:15 AM Clean up from Breakfast
11:15 AM Report for Dinner duty
12:05 PM Dinner Call
12:45 PM Clean up from Dinner
4:30 PM Report for Supper duty
6:00 PM Supper Call
7:00 PM Clean up from Supper
9:30 PM Tattoo - Bugle/Fife & Drum
10:00 PM Extinguish Lights

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2012

6:15 AM Reveille – report for Breakfast duty (some will report earlier)
7:30 AM Breakfast
8:15 AM Church Call (optional period church service)
9:15 AM Clean up from Breakfast
11:00 AM Report for Dinner duty
11:50 AM Dinner Call
12:20 PM Clean up from Dinner
1:00 PM Closing Ceremony, Dress Parade, Pass in Review

NOTE - The above schedule is an overview only. Times may be adjusted and other activities may also be scheduled.