



Special Order Number Three-016

April 26, 2016

Re: Gettysburg Camp of Instruction

The Camp of Instruction is fast approaching and things are starting to fall into place.

Following is information you need to pass along to your units.

Camp Set Up: Per the NPS request we may lay the camp out earlier but they ask that NO canvas be put up **before 4pm** on Friday.

We will have a semi-permanent camp laid out in regular streets. Company officers and enlisted men will be in shelter tents.

For the Headquarter area A style tents will be permitted for the field and staff, not to exceed five (5) in number. Tent flies enough to conduct regimental business will be set up in the headquarters area, not to exceed two (2).

One tent fly per company street will be permitted for shelter or company mess areas.

As this is a semi-permanent camp, limited amounts of impedimenta (boxes, stools, etc.) will be permitted in the camp area.

Other than noted below, there will be no regimental commissary for this event. Each unit/company is free to run its own mess. Bacon may be served, or abstained, at their own discretion.

From Sgt. Major Chris Starbuck Sedlak:

Since the schedule for the COI's are very hectic indeed, to help with the motivation and good spirits of the men the Sergeants Major Coffee Shoppee will be open once again! (You can tell it's classy by the extra letters)

This will be the large 3 gallon tin coffee pot at the beginning of Regimental Row... on the Sgt. Major's line. The Colonel has given permission for enlisted men to travel to that location but there will be no loitering in this area. The men may fill up their cups with the blessed brew and return to their company areas. We will make all efforts to have coffee in that pot 24/7 for the 3 days.

There WILL be a supply of Cream and Sugar for the coffee, however, I refuse to write your name on your tin cup!

We will need details to assist in water runs and stoking the fire though.

There will be a recruiting fly set up between the PA monument and the camp. This is for the purpose of recruiting new members to the National Regiment. All units should know by now to bring recruiting materials for their unit to the event to hand out to any interested parties. While we would wish each unit to garner as many new bodies as possible, the ultimate goal is to grow the NR through growing its member units.

We will need an easel for a poster and a CLEAN bacon box to store the recruiting material.

This fly will NOT be 19th century authentic, we don't want the viewing public to perceive this as part of the living history but as a 21st century attempt to recruit new members to our organization.

The Adjutant and Sgt. Major will make up a duty roster for each unit to man the recruiting fly. If there are non-participating NR members who wish to volunteer to man the fly, this will alleviate assigning active duty personnel to this duty. This roster will be made up and posted when we get on site and have an accurate head count.

Attached to this directive is the Order of Battle for the event. While incomplete it reflects the information at our disposal at this time. Changes and restructuring of the companies, if needed, will take place at the event after we determine who is on site.

This is going to be a full weekend of intensive training. To the old vets most of this will seem redundant but hopefully there will be something of interest for them. It never hurts to hone up on our skills. For the newer men, we're going to throw a great deal at you over the course of the two days. Hang on for the ride and try to retain as much as you can.

Other than the 3 firing demonstrations which the Park has asked us to conduct, the rest of the time is our own. We will make the most of it in what we hope is an enjoyable manner.

Thank you in advance to the designated instructors, I hope and know that everyone will pitch in to help them when and where ever needed.

By Order of,
Thomas M. F. Downes
Colonel Commanding, National Regiment