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INTRODUCTION

To welcome you, the newcomer, and to aid you in getting acquainted with Fort Miles; the public relations office has prepared this brief historical outline and informational guide. It is our hope that this guide will hasten your orientation here; that it will fire within you the desire to help build Fort Miles into America's finest unit of defense. Make Fort Miles a better place for your having been here.

— *Reprinted from a pamphlet issued to new troops at Fort Miles, Del.*

Contained in this document are the regulations for the proper operations and conduct of troops garrisoned in the Fort Miles Historic Area (referred to herein as Fort Miles or post) and remain valid at all times. Certain regulations may be waived at times deemed necessary by the battery commander or the post commander. Such instances will be identified and non-applicable regulations will be made known to personnel on post. The Fort Miles Historic Area is contained within Cape Henlopen State Park (see Chapter 1, Garrison for details on post layout) and is being utilized by Delaware State Parks to preserve and interpret Delaware's role in national defense from World War II through the Cold War. It is our duty and primary role as interpreters and re-enactors to understand our audience and educate the public on the purpose and significance of Fort Miles during its years as an active military fortification. This introduction will serve as an overview to that end.

Purpose

The original purpose of Fort Miles was to serve as a major coastal defense fortification that would deny the enemy access into the Delaware Bay. Assets along the Delaware Bay and River included the cities of Wilmington and Philadelphia, major industrial centers, oil refining facilities, munitions plants, power generation facilities and infrastructure, commercial shipping, and large population centers. Protection of the bay entrance was critical to the war effort and warranted the construction of Fort Miles, one of the largest coastal fortifications ever built.

Significance

Fort Miles' historic significance extends from the late 1930s and World War II through the end of the Cold War. In the early 1950's the fort ceased operations as a harbor defense facility, but it continued in 1963 as a vital part of national defense as a SOSUS (Sound Surveillance System) listening facility operated by the US Navy. Fort Miles represents nationally significant trends in federal coastal defense policy. This can be seen in its military landscape and post planning, and standardized military architecture which represents the last stage of the US federal coastal defense policy as it evolved from the permanent defense system in the early nineteenth-century through the modernization program of WWII fortifications in the mid-twentieth century. Created to house the

most powerful seacoast armament available at the time, including the twelve and sixteen inch guns, Fort Miles embodied the most recent military engineering technology available and is therefore associated with major military engineering trends and patterns. Fort Miles is an important amalgam of both well ordered, regimented planning traditions of the US military, and new methods in post planning that accounted for natural environmental features; thus Fort Miles serves as an excellent representative of coastal defense fortifications of the mid-twentieth century.

Audience

The Fort Miles Historic Area's remaining assets (gun batteries, barracks, artifacts, etc) provide a rare opportunity for the visitor to understand and experience a rarely depicted chapter in the complex history of national defense through the interactions with people, technology, architecture, and environment. Cape Henlopen State Park draws 2 million visitors annually, and Fort Miles is well suited to attract a large and diverse audience of tourists and families, in addition to school groups, historical groups, and veterans.

The surrounding beaches and park suggest that families with children and students will be among our largest audience. This is precisely the target audience that will be least likely to be knowledgeable about the WWII and Cold War eras, presenting both opportunity and challenge. The opportunity: to use a dramatic installation – an underground, protected casemate that by itself will pique interest as a lead in to tell a larger historical story. The challenge: to make that story come alive for individuals for whom the 1940s and 1950s are ancient history.

Our interpretive unit and date is 261st Coast Artillery, early to mid 1942 Delaware National Guard. This was when the 261st was at their greatest strength at Fort Miles. Most of the questions you may have about how to correctly interpret this stateside impression are addressed in this document. If you have any additional questions that are not covered here, you may direct them to the battery commander or the executive officer.

As a part of this project, each individual agrees to uphold and follow these regulations to the best of their abilities.

Any questions can be directed to the Fort Miles office by calling (302) 644-5007 Tuesday through Saturday from 0900 to 1600 hours or by contacting the battery commander at michael.rogers@fortmiles.org.

COMMAND

The primary mission of the officers and command of Fort Miles is to ensure that the post is managed properly (this includes care of all on-post physical assets and quality of interpretation), to ensure the public's safety, and to see that the needs of the staff and volunteers (including re-enactors) is met.

The command structure of Fort Miles is as follows:

Commander, Harbor Defenses of the Delaware: Lee Jennings, Col.

Commander, HQ Battery: Richard Julian, Lt.Col.

Commander, C Battery: Michael Rogers, Capt. michael.rogers(at)fortmiles.org

Executive Officer, C Battery: Ian Parker, 1st Lt. ian.parker(at)fortmiles.org

WAC Officer / UPAO: Candace Duffin, 2nd Lt. candace.duffin(at)fortmiles.org

Members will fall in according to their respective roles. Platoon structure will be as follows:

Battery C 261st Coast Artillery Breakdown of Troops

1st Platoon: Gun Crews

2nd Platoon: Military Police Detachment (MP) and Auxiliary Police (AP)

3rd Platoon: Infantry

4th Platoon: Admin / Support / Other

Civilian: Homefront, Civil Defense (CD), and other civilian impressions

Unit commanders will coordinate with Fort Miles command in the administration of special events.

The battery commander maintains a website that contains the latest updates to regulations, information, event schedules and dates, and more that can be accessed by any member at any time. The website address is <http://www.fortmiles.org>

If there are any questions regarding any operations at Fort Miles, the battery commander and the unit executive officer can be reached at the contact information provided above.

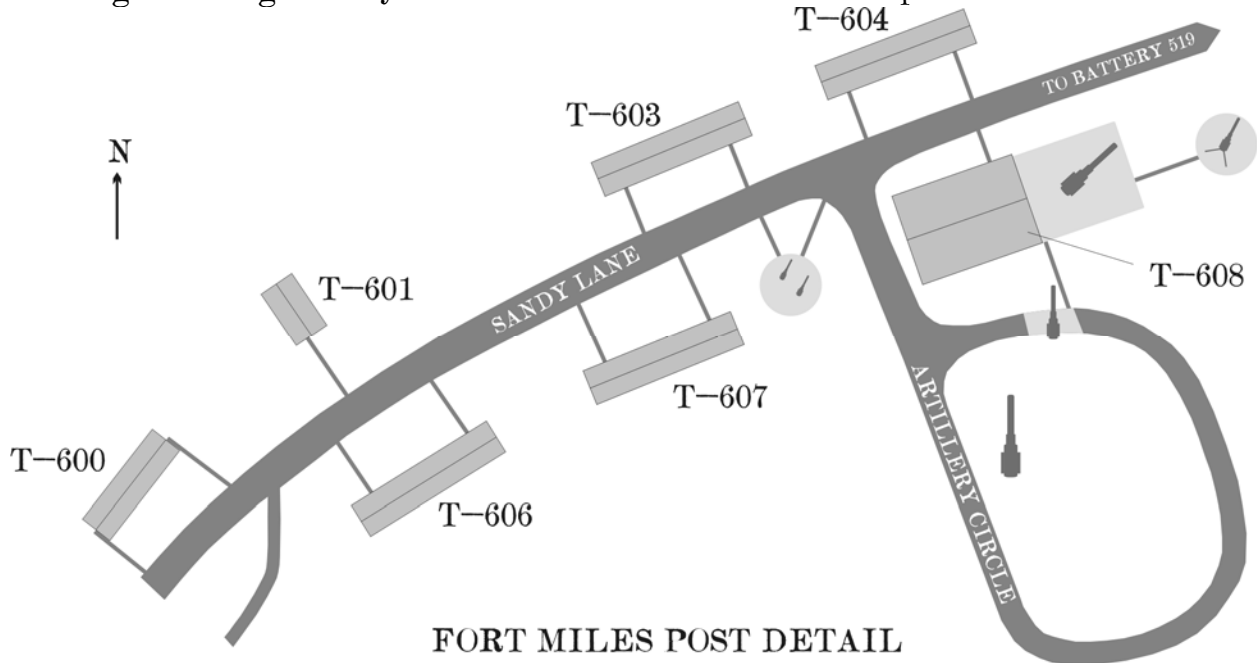
Individuals that wish to serve as Military Police (see Chapter 2, Section I) must report to the officer in charge of MP duty after reporting in upon arrival.

CHAPTER 1

GARRISON

SECTION I – POST LAYOUT AND OVERVIEW

The Fort Miles Historic Site is located within Cape Henlopen State Park and consists of a groupment of barracks buildings, dynamic and static artillery exhibits, an orientation building, and Battery 519 covering approximately 165,000 sq. meters (180,000 sq. yards). Buildings are designated by “T Numbers” as indicated in the map below.



FORT MILES POST DETAIL

T-600	Recreation Building	This building serves as the “day room” for troops that are off duty and wish to participate in recreational activities.
T-601	Supply & Administration	This building houses officers quarters, the Battery Commander and Executive Officer’s workrooms, as well as the Company Clerk and First Sergeant’s desks. All administrative and command activities will be coordinated from this office including reporting in (see Chapter 1, Section II), issuance of passes, file processing, etc. Post communications will be handled at the company clerk’s switchboard.
T-603	Barracks	This building will serve as barracks for troops.
T-604	Mess Hall	This building will serve as the mess hall. See posted day schedule for allotted chow times.
T-606	Barracks & Supply	This building will serve as barracks for troops. The garrison supply room is in the east entrance of this building where troops may sign out supplies for use on post. These supplies must be returned before check-out.
T-607	Barracks	This building will serve as barracks for troops.
T-608	FMOB	The Fort Miles Orientation Building will serve as a public facility and display area.

SECTION 2 – PROCEDURE UPON ARRIVAL

Troops may arrive at Fort Miles at any time the day before the event. It is **ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL** that all re-enactors report in when they arrive! Records are kept regarding the amount of volunteer hours worked at Fort Miles. These records are extremely important and have a direct impact on funding and priorities given to projects at Fort Miles. Sign in sheets will be located on post at a pre-determined location. All re-enactors are required to have a valid form of photo identification while they are on post. This can include any form of State or Federal issued identification.

All re-enactors are required to have registration paperwork on file. This paperwork includes emergency contact information and waivers of liability. If a re-enactor doesn't have registration paperwork on file, they will be required to complete it upon arrival. Registration paperwork can be completed in advance by downloading it from <http://www.fortmiles.org> and mailing it in to the following address:

Michael Rogers
127 Barksdale Court
Milford, DE 19963

Load in should be completed the day before the event begins. Modern vehicles will be permitted to park on Sandy Lane and Artillery Circle during non-public event hours for unloading and loading. Upon completion of unloading, vehicles should be moved to re-enactor parking in a timely manner. See Chapter 7, Section I regarding modern vehicles on post. See Chapter 7, Section II regarding period vehicles on post.

SECTION 3 – CONDUCT OF TROOPS

Re-enactors will be required to maintain proper military bearing and discipline while in the camp and demonstration areas of the event. Keep in mind that this is a public event. Please refrain from inappropriate behavior or using foul language. Illegal drug use or possession, disorderly conduct and/or fighting are strictly prohibited and will result in expulsion from the current and any future events. Activities on the event grounds and the grounds of Cape Henlopen State Park are subject to the laws of the State of Delaware. Unit commanders are responsible for the conduct of the troops under their command.

Cooking is permitted in the barracks provided that it is done on an approved stove and done so in a safe manner. Open fires are permitted only in fire rings which are available in the Fort Miles area.

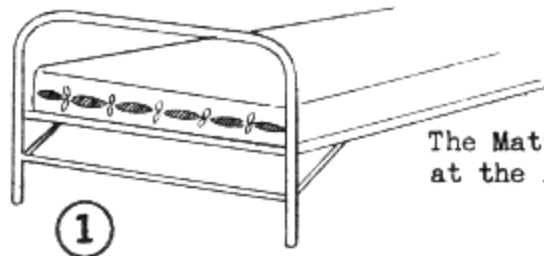
Lights out will be no later than 2300 hrs each evening. All personnel on post should be respectful of those trying to sleep. Excessive disruption can lead to expulsion from future events.

Smoking is permitted outdoors on post. Smoking is not permitted in any buildings anywhere at Cape Henlopen State Park.

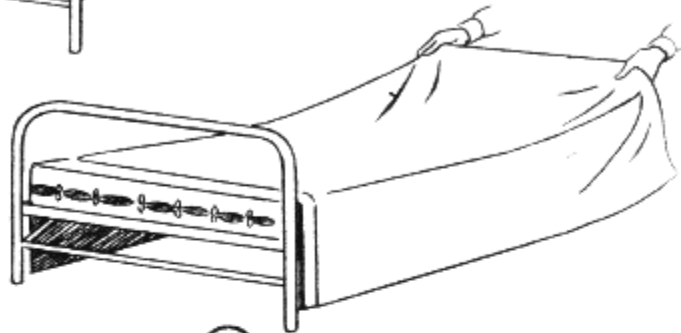
There will be absolutely no alcoholic beverages allowed during public hours, dances, or evening entertainment. Violators will be removed to their barracks by military police and may be expelled from future events.

SECTION IV – DISPLAY & BUNK AREA

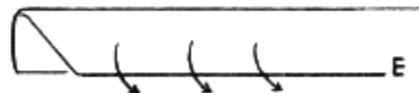
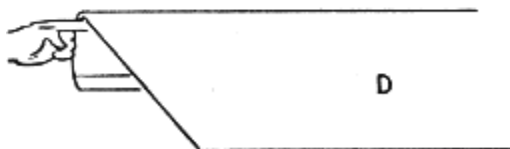
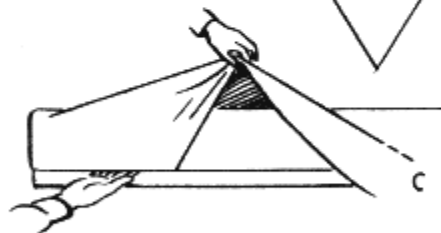
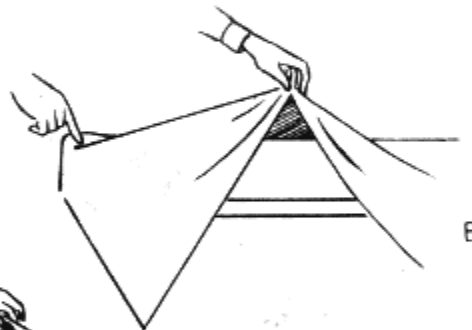
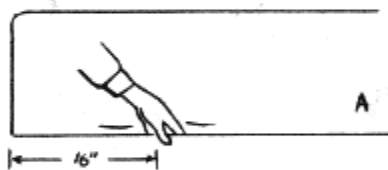
Each re-enactor will be allotted a display and bunk area in a barracks building. Bunks shall be situated directly underneath windows in the barracks building. It is the responsibility of individuals to keep their area neat and clean. As time and material allows, barracks will be furnished with bunks. Troops shall prepare their bunks as listed below.



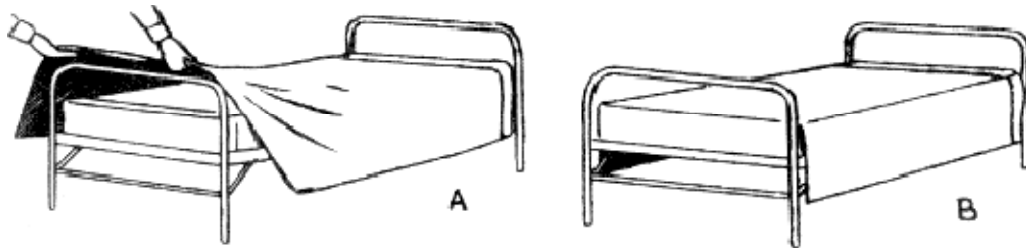
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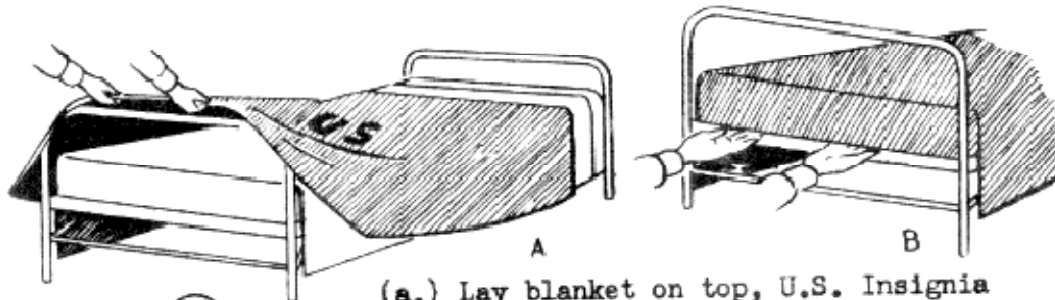
Pull bottom sheet even with foot of mattress and tuck under at head.



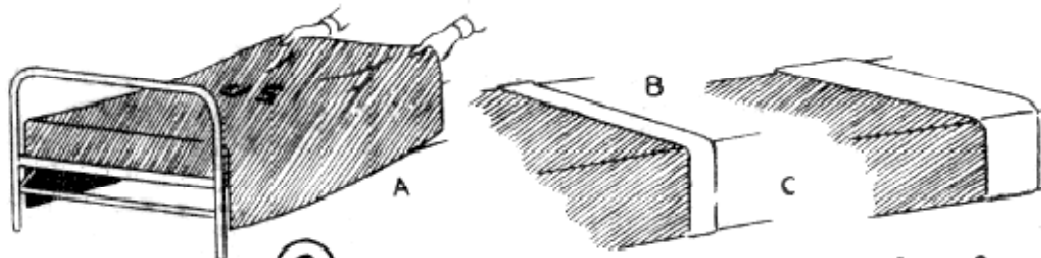
③ Fold corners: (a.) Hold sheet 16 inches from head of bunk. (b.) Place one finger on top of corner lifting sheet up with other hand. (c.) Tuck lower drape under mattress. (d.) Hold corner in place and bring sheet over. (e.) Tuck under.



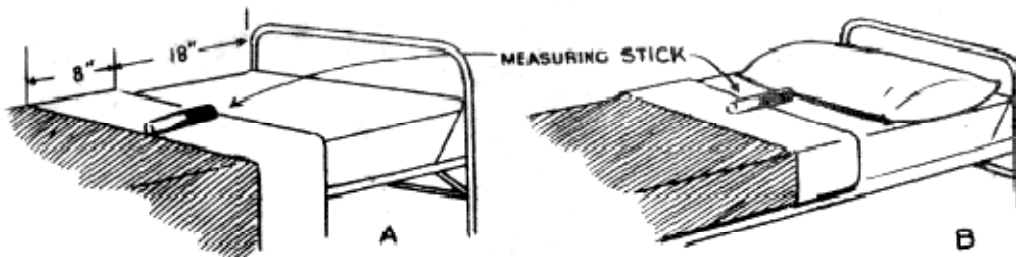
- ④ Top sheet is placed over bottom sheet, wide seam at head, even with top of mattress and tucked under at the foot.



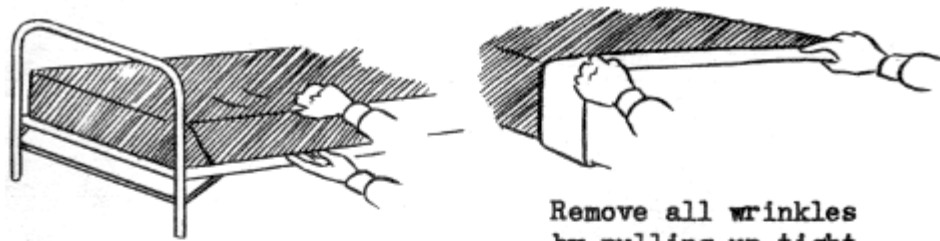
- ⑤ (a.) Lay blanket on top, U.S. Insignia facing inspecting officer. Leave 6 inches between top edge of blanket and sheet. (b.) Fold under same way as sheet.



- ⑥ (a.) Stretch blanket to inner edge of seam. (b.) Fold seam over blanket. (c.) Fold both sheet and blanket over approximately four inches.

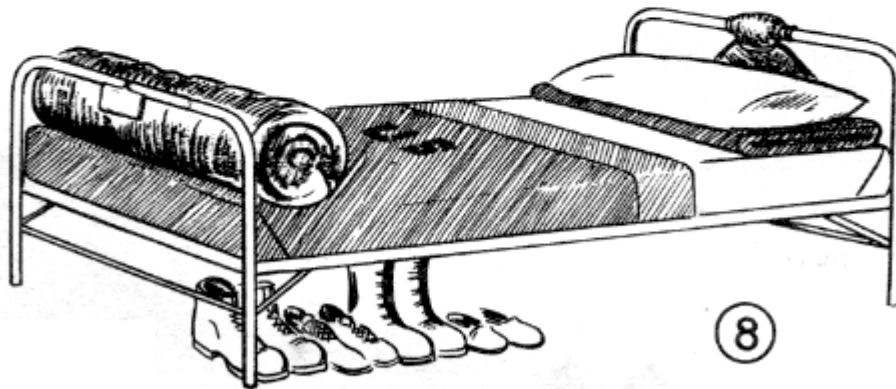


- ⑦ (a.) Fold over again leaving 18 inches from fold to head of mattress. Fold is 8 inches wide, 4 inches from pillow to fold. (b.) Fold corners same as sheets. Grasp sheet and cover and fold both completely under mattress.



Tighten by pulling one side & taking up the slack underneath.

Remove all wrinkles by pulling up tight toward head of bunk.



Tie Tag & Duffle-bag as indicated in picture above. Shoes laced and tied and in line. Comforter rolled.

Gear and other items for display may be arranged on the completed bunk during public hours. See Chapter 3 for regulations concerning modern and period items.

Cots

For those barracks not equipped with bunks, cots are available for overnight accommodations and can be obtained by reporting to the supply sergeant or the commanding officer. Like bunks, cots should also be kept neat and orderly when not in use, and can be used for display of equipment during public hours.

Setup of cots is as follows:

1. Remove straps around cot by loosening buckles and pulling the strap from them.
2. Open cot by pivoting the front and back legs around the body until they stop.
3. Spread out the sleeping surface by separating the body rails and ensuring that the canvas is tight.
4. Install one wooden rod by inserting it through the canvas sleeve on the end of the sleeping surface. Secure the rod by placing the dowel pins on the end of the side rails into the corresponding holes on the rod.
5. Repeat step 4 for the other end of the cot. Pull the sleeping surface tight using the wooden rod and secure in the dowel pins. Force may be necessary to pull the canvas.

Foot Locker

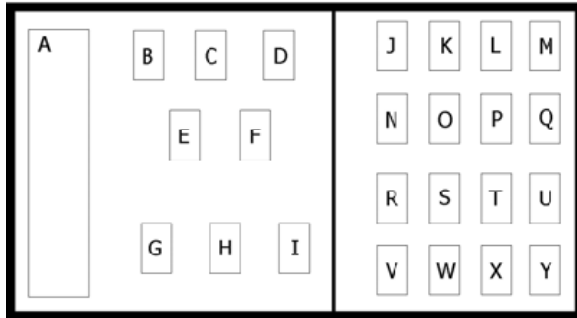
The foot locker will be situated at the foot of the bunk or cot and may be open for display during public hours. If modern items are stored in the foot locker, they should be kept in the lower level and covered by the foot locker tray. If modern items must be stored in the top tray, the foot locker shall remain closed at all times. A period correct brass padlock shall be used to secure the foot locker. Personal effects (of the appropriate time period) such as photographs or art may be displayed on the inside lid of the foot locker, but shall not be of an offensive nature. If you are not sure about any of the personal effects in your foot locker, bring them to the attention of your commanding officer who will then make a determination. Refer to the diagram on the following page for the Fort Miles foot locker configuration.

Wall Locker

Wall lockers may be used on post at Fort Miles. Lockers shall be situated alongside the head of the bunk and against the wall to the right. If modern items are to be stored in the wall locker, the locker shall be kept closed at all times. A period correct brass padlock shall be used to secure the wall locker. If period items are to be kept in the wall locker, it may remain open during public hours. Personal effects (of the appropriate time period) such as photographs or art may be displayed on the inside door of the wall locker, but shall not be of an offensive nature. If you are not sure about any of the personal effects in your wall locker, bring them to the attention of your commanding officer that will then make a determination. Refer to the diagram on the following page for the Fort Miles wall locker configuration.

Foot Locker

Upper Tray



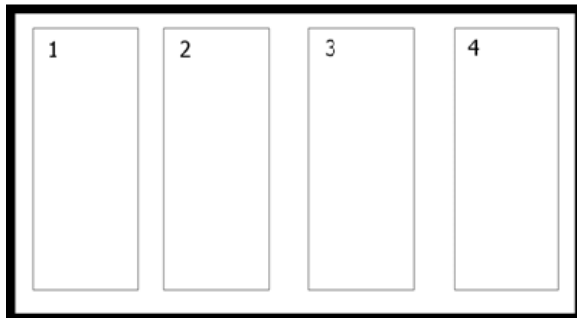
Note: Upper Tray is lined with a white barber's towel

Upper Tray

- A. Rolled Socks
- B. After Shave
- C. Hair Oil
- D. Mirror
- E. Cigarettes
- F. Matches/Lighter
- G. Uniform Brass
- H. Handkerchief
- I. Comb
- J. Foot Powder
- K. Crawling Insect Powder
- L. Tooth Powder
- M. Shaving Cream
- N. Shoe Polish
- O. Shoe Brush
- P. Condom

- Q. Bar Soap
- R. Razor
- S. Spare Blades
- T. Styptic Pencil
- U. Shaving Brush
- V. Tooth Brush
- W. Paper
- X. Pen
- Y. Pencil

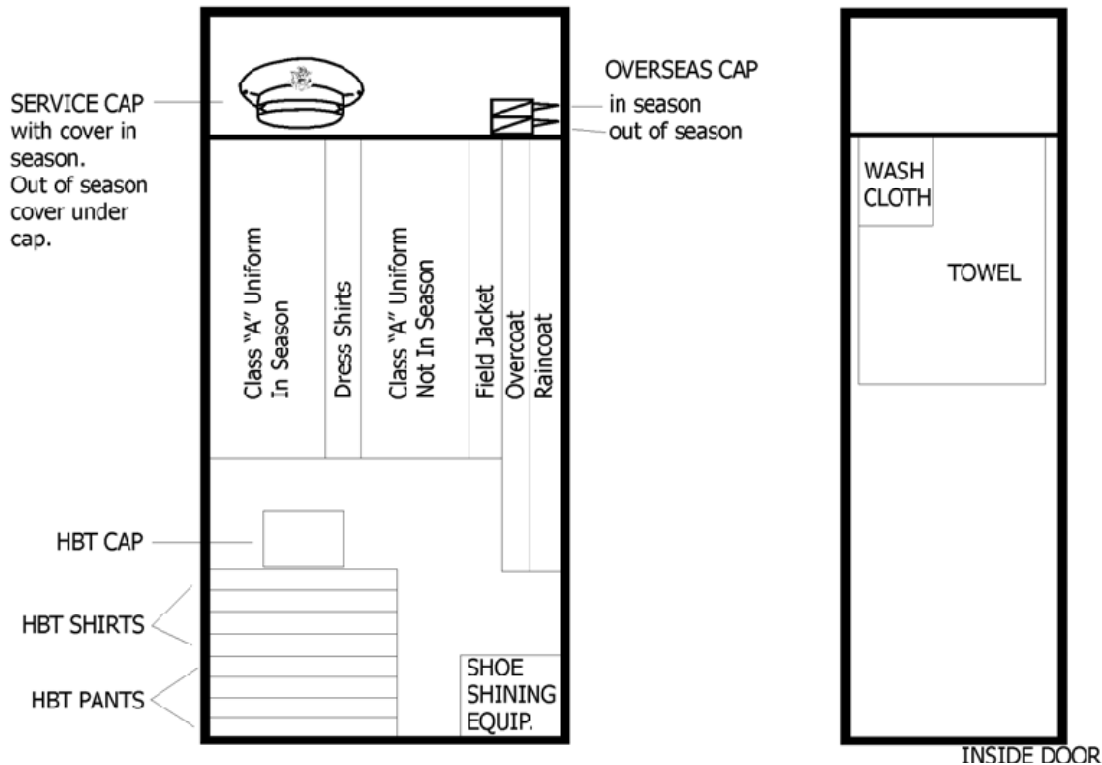
Lower Tray



Lower Tray

- 1. Rolled Wool Underclothes
- 2. Rolled Cotton Underclothes
- 3. Rolled Towels/Handkerchiefs
- 4. Additional Personal Items/
Reading Material

Wall Locker



SECTION V – CARE OF FACILITIES

Upon arrival at your assigned barracks and bunk area, please take a moment to make sure that the area is clean before setting up. This will ensure that the barracks looks neat during public hours. It will also aid in the cleanup of your area when it is time to leave. In addition to making sure your bunk area is neat, please take a moment to police the grounds adjacent to your barracks.

It is the responsibility of each individual to care for the facilities in which they are garrisoned. Before leaving the post, please ensure that the following tasks have been completed.

1. Bunk is made or cot has been properly folded (including wooden rods secured to straps) and returned to supply.
2. Area is clean and orderly.
3. Barracks has been swept.
4. Garbage has been removed.
5. All equipment that was signed out has been returned to supply.
6. You have signed out with the battery CO or a designated official.

For the duration of the event, it is everyone's duty to keep the barracks and facilities in good condition. These are historic buildings and they are protected by the State of Delaware and the National Register of Historic Places. Please do not do anything to jeopardize the structural or cosmetic integrity of any building on post. This includes damage to windows, ceiling rafters, doors, or concrete work. There is no smoking or fires permitted in the buildings, however space heaters are allowed provided the proper safety devices are in place. Wall lockers and racks will be available for hanging of uniforms. Hanging uniforms from ceiling rafters is permitted in the meantime.

Any individual intentionally damaging structures in the Fort Miles area will be detained and Park Rangers will be called to the scene. That person will be responsible for payment of repair of said damages in addition to possible fines resulting from their actions.

Restoration work on the structures at Fort Miles is ongoing. If anyone is interested in assisting with restoration of the buildings, please contact the Fort Miles office at 302-644-5007 or email at michael.rogers(at)fortmiles.org.

CHAPTER 2

SECURITY & SAFETY

Security of the post will fall under the direct jurisdiction of the Park Enforcement Staff (herein referred to as Rangers). In order to ensure the comfort and well being of all members of attending units, we will have a security detail staff solely responsible for safety and security. This will consist of a ranger and park staff coordinating with internal security officers (military police) from each re-enactor group. In the event of any emergency, rangers will be called. Chapter 8 of this document addresses emergency procedures.

SECTION I – MILITARY POLICE

A contingency of military police shall be comprised of designated members from each unit. There will be a single officer placed in command of the MPs on post.

Military police shall be responsible for internal security, barracks security, and garrison security. MPs will also be responsible for enforcement of authenticity regulations and firearms safety. In addition to post regulations enforcement, MPs will also be responsible for spectator safety and control during events as well as traffic control and guard duty at the post main gate. There shall be an MP or Auxiliary Police (AP) (Civil Defense) officer posted on guard duty at all times. Civil Defense Auxiliary Police will fall under the jurisdiction of the MP Commander while on post.



FIGURE 1 – Military Police Brassard

Military police will be required to maintain a period correct appearance at all times. This includes proper uniform as prescribed by FM 29-5 (available for download at <http://www.fortmiles.org>) or as directed by the MP commanding officer. MPs will wear the military police brassard on the left sleeve of the uniform (figure 1) while on duty. All military police on post shall wear artillery insignia, as MP duties will be performed as a detachment with 261st Coast Artillery being the primary impression.

SECTION IA – POWERS OF ENFORCEMENT (Military & Auxiliary Police)

Military police shall have the power to enforce post regulations during event hours. If an MP witnesses an infraction, they shall have the authority to make on spot corrections. In the event that the correction is not made, the MP will then report the incident to their commanding officer, who will then take additional steps to correct the infraction, leading up to expulsion from the event.

In the event that an MP witnesses a traffic violation by a member of the public, they should advise the vehicle operator of park rules and ask the operator to correct the violation. If the vehicle operator fails to comply with park regulations, the MP will then report the non-compliance to their commanding officer who will then have park staff call a ranger to take further corrective action. See Chapter 7 for regulations regarding parking and operation of motor vehicles on post.

Military and auxiliary police shall also have the power to call an immediate halt of activity if they witness a safety violation by any re-enactor or event participant. If the violation is severe enough to warrant expulsion from the event, the violation must be reported to the battery CO and rangers will be notified of the incident.

SECTION II – GARRISON SECURITY

Security of the garrison encompasses the artifacts, structures, and roads of the cantonment area, and Battery 519. The safety and well being of this area is the responsibility of MP and AP units on duty at Fort Miles.

At the beginning of each event, the MP commanding officer will identify patrol routes, security concentration points, and event times that will require MP or AP details. For regulations regarding the control and safety of event spectators, see Chapter 2, Section IV.

MP and AP units on duty may handle minor security infractions involving event participants. If a major security violation should occur, or any violation occurs involving a member of the public, the MP or AP officer will immediately notify the MP commanding officer or the battery CO and a ranger will be called.

SECTION III – BARRACKS SECURITY

Security of barracks buildings is the responsibility of MP and AP details. If an MP or AP detail is not available, a member of command will designate a sentry to guard the barracks while other members are away.

SECTION IV – SPECTATOR SAFETY & CONTROL

MP and AP officers will be responsible for spectator safety and control during event hours. This includes keeping spectator groups in designated safe areas during tactical demonstrations and events, securing of non-public areas, and traffic control in areas of the post where motor vehicles are operated. See Chapter 7 for regulations regarding the operation of motor vehicles on post.

During demonstration events, the public must be kept at a safe distance at all times. The ranking officer conducting the event will determine an acceptable safe distance. MP or AP officers assigned to spectator control for that event will define perimeters and ensure that they are not crossed. MP or AP officers can correct non-compliance by asking the spectator to move back into the designated safety zone. Refusal to do so will result in rangers being called to take further corrective action.

Non-public areas will be identified at the start of the event, or will be identified by park staff, as situations require. These areas will be included in the patrol route designated by the MP commanding officer. MP or AP officers can correct non-compliance by asking the visitor to move out of the restricted area. Refusal to do so will result in rangers being called to take further corrective action.

CHAPTER 3

AUTHENTICITY

Authenticity regulations will be enforced by MPs on post. Those individuals with severe violations will be directed to correct the violation. Failure to correct the violation can result in expulsion from future events.

SECTION I – PERIOD ITEMS & EQUIPMENT

The use of period correct items and equipment is encouraged for the duration of the event during both public and non-public hours. These items should be used in lieu of modern items whenever possible.

Any equipment approved for use by the US Military prior to 1943 may be used at Fort Miles during event hours. This includes equipment for cooking, sleeping, or personal care items. See Chapter 5 for regulations regarding period weapons.

Unfortunately it is not always possible to obtain a WWII dated item. In some instances, items from the late 1940's and early 1950's can be used in place of an original if they are approved by your commanding officer. Use good judgment in the employment of these items. For example: cots, mess kits, canteens, canteen cups, and certain personal care items used as late as the 1960s were unchanged from the original World War II items.

SECTION II – MODERN ITEMS

Barracks will be furnished with electrical power and lighted. Modern camping, cooking, power or other items will be hidden from view if they are present on post. It is not always possible to obtain period correct equipment to meet the needs of troops in garrison during events. These items may be used only during non-public hours. Violations will be reported to an MP or AP officer, or the battery CO and appropriate action will be taken, from on the spot corrections up to expulsion from the event.

In the event that a barracks building must be furnished with modern items that cannot be hidden from view; that barracks building will be designated off-limits during public hours. Because we are attempting to re-create life at Fort Miles during World War II, please attempt to substitute modern items with period correct items whenever possible.

SECTION III – UNIFORMS

Uniforms worn on post must be period correct and adhere to regulations as specified in Chapter 4 of this document. Violation of regulations will result in on-spot corrections. Serious violations can lead up to expulsion from an event. Individuals new to re-enacting will be assigned a sponsor and given a period of 12 months to compile period correct uniforms and gear for their impressions. Re-enactors from other units visiting Fort Miles for the first time may wear their unit insignia, but must comply to minimum uniform requirements in the event they become a member. Please refer to Fort Miles General Order 1 (FMGO-1) for minimum uniform requirements. FMGO-1 is available from <http://www.fortmiles.org> or by contacting the battery CO or XO.

The infantry unit assigned to Fort Miles was the 113th Infantry, Second Army. Information on this unit is available from the battery CO and at <http://www.fortmiles.org>. A limited number of infantry impressions will be authorized at Fort Miles.

CHAPTER 4

UNIFORM REGULATIONS

The following uniforms shall be worn between the specified dates below.

OD 4 (Khaki) Cotton uniforms to be worn on post between the dates 1 MAY to 31 OCT.
OD 3 (Green) Wool uniforms to be worn on post between the dates 1 NOV to 30 APR.

****** The battery commander may make exceptions during times of extreme weather where the safety and health of members may be at risk.

All participants will be required to appear in proper uniform and equipment for their respective time period during the hours that the event is open to the public. Participants are also encouraged to remain in proper dress for the entire span of the event.

Uniform requirements are posted on the website at <http://www.fortmiles.org> under the "Next Event" section. The following regulations for wear of the uniform pertain to both male and female members.

SECTION I – PROPER FIT

Coat: The collar of the coat fits snugly without gapping, with one fourth inch to one half inch of the shirt collar showing above the coat collar at the back. The coat fits smoothly over the back and shoulders. The front of the coat overlaps without pulling or gapping. The buttons present a straight vertical line. The coat is slightly form fitting around the waist (but not so snug that it causes the coat fronts to protrude) yet has some fullness and a draped effect. Four to six inches of looseness (from the natural waistline to the waist of the coat) should be equally distributed around the circumference of the waist to provide comfort when moving. The coat lies smoothly over the seat so that the back vents does not pull or gap. The bottom edge of the coat is even and falls one inch below the crotch. The sleeves extend one inch below the bottom of the wrist bone and cover the shirtsleeves.

Shirt and Tie: The tie is tied so the tip will fall in an area ranging from two inches above the top of the belt buckle to the bottom of the buckle. It will be un-tucked when wearing the coat. Without the coat it will be tucked into the shirt between the second and third button from the collar button. The tie may be worn in a Windsor, half/Windsor or four-in-hand knot and fits snugly and close to the neck. The shirt collar is smooth and lies close to the neck with about one half-inch space between the shirt collar and neck. Shoulder seams are at the midpoint of the shoulders. The back and shoulders are smooth without wrinkles or tightness. The front of the shirt presents a straight line of buttons. There is no evidence of gapping or pulling and the "gig-line" is straight. The bottom of the sleeve extends to the bottom part of the wrist bone. The belt has no more than two inches of extra webbing to permit adjustment.

Trousers: The bottom of the waistband rests on the hipbone – plus or minus one half inch. The waist fits with a slight amount of looseness, but should not form a pleated effect when the belt is worn and tightened. The seat fits loosely without wrinkling. The top of the leg blends into the seat. The bottom edge of the back of the trouser leg falls midway between

the heel and the shoe top. The bottom edge of the front of the trouser leg rests on the middle of the instep and may have a slight break in the crease.

SECTION II – PLACEMENT OF INSIGNIA

Insignia placement guides for officers and enlisted, male and female personnel are available for download at <http://www.fortmiles.org> or by referring to FM 21-100.

SECTION III – ITEMS APPROVED FOR WEAR

The following items are approved for wear at Fort Miles as per the dates specified for each item.

Blue Denim work uniforms may be worn at any time during the year.

M1941 Fatigues, HBT may be worn at any time during the year.

M1941 Jacket, Field may be worn at any time during the year.

Winter Combat “Tanker” Jacket may be worn only during winter months.

Decorations: Decorations approved prior to 1943 may be worn on post. In accordance with the stolen valor act of 2005, no decorations for valor may be worn by anyone who has not earned them in actual military service. Service decorations are approved for wear by any member. For those members who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces and have been approved to wear decorations (for both service and valor) that were also issued during WWII (prior to 1943); only then will such decorations be considered for wear on the uniform.

For information and full regulations regarding the wear of Awards and Decorations, refer to the Fort Miles Awards and Decorations manual, available for download at <http://www.fortmiles.org>. You may also request a copy by contacting the Fort Miles office at 302-644-5007 and one can be sent to you.

SECTION IV – INSIGNIA OF FORT MILES

The primary insignia worn by all members of Fort Miles shall be as follows:



Distinctive Unit Insignia, 261st Coast Artillery

All members, unless otherwise authorized, will wear 261st CAC insignia. This insignia is now commercially available, and can be obtained by the unit. Wear of the DI crest is authorized for wear on all uniforms while in garrison, including jackets and overcoats.



Shoulder Patch, Second District Coast Artillery

The shoulder patch is to be worn on the left sleeve of each uniform, including jackets and overcoats. The patch is to appear oriented as shown, with the red projectiles and the left and right sides of the patch vertical. The top of the patch is to be no more than 3/4 inch from the seam of the shirt.

These patches are becoming increasingly difficult to find, and the unit is currently working to locate a source for this item. In the meantime, originals can be sourced on the internet in various places.



Branch of Service Insignia, Coast Artillery Corps

The enlisted branch of service insignia is to be worn only with the 4 pocket service tunic as prescribed in FM 21-100 or the Fort Miles enlisted uniform placement guide. These are commercially available and can be obtained by the unit.

CHAPTER 5

WEAPONS

This chapter will address the use and safety of weapons used at Fort Miles. This includes all forms of edged weapons, side arms, long arms, and artillery. Weapons must be of pre-1943 military type used by units stationed at Fort Miles. No air, CO₂, or BB guns of any type are permitted on post. Weapons manufactured after 1945 are permitted if they duplicate a WWII weapon.

Weapons inspection will take place the morning of the event prior to public hours. A designated MP detail will be responsible for inspection of weapons and blank ammo to ensure that they are safe for use near the public and for display. Absolutely no live ammunition will be permitted on the grounds of Cape Henlopen State Park! No exceptions! The only ammunition to be displayed will be inert (dummy) ammo for firearms displays. Inert ammunition is also subject to inspection by the MP detail prior to the event.

Blank ammunition must be properly stowed in the camp area (in a proper container or in the personal equipment of the individual) to prevent visitors from having access to the ammo. Powder or artillery charges of any kind and heavy weapons will be stored in a locked and secure area on post and can be accessed by park staff

SECTION I – FIREARMS

Unit commanders will be responsible for supplying Fort Miles command with a listing of firearms that will be present at the event. When possible, all unit commanders should keep a list of serial numbers of the weapons belonging to their members in case of loss or theft. Note: serial numbers will NOT be collected by Fort Miles command or provided to any other agency.

Firearms will only be discharged in the demonstration area of the event. Firearms will NOT be discharged in any building or in the camp area unless event coordinators or the battery commander approves it. Discharging of firearms will take place only during designated demonstration times each day. If anyone requires a “test fire” of their weapon, they should clear it with the battery commander or the MP commanding officer and conduct the test fire in an appropriate manner.

At the conclusion of any firearms demonstration, all members must unload their weapon(s) before returning to the barracks area.

Firearms must be properly secured at all times. Weapons displays must be attended by a unit member or properly secured with a locking device to prevent theft. Visitors will only be allowed to handle weapons in the presence of and under the supervision of an event member.

SECTION IA – RIFLES

Rifles are permitted for use and display by troops at Fort Miles. Rifle magazines may remain loaded during demonstration times, but must be unloaded for the remainder of the event. While not in use, rifles should be locked and secured on a rack in the barracks.

SECTION IB – PISTOLS

NCOs and officers on post may carry pistols during event hours. Blank firing pistols are permitted without any further modifications. Real pistols must be blank adapted or the firing pins must be removed for the duration of the event. Magazines may be carried in automatic pistols and loaded with blank ammunition, but without a chambered cartridge. Revolvers may be carried loaded with blank ammunition at all times, provided the inspecting MP has verified that the hammer is closed on an empty chamber of the cylinder.

SECTION IC – SHOTGUNS

There are no regulations prohibiting the use and possession of shotguns on event grounds. Shotguns may not be carried with blank ammo in the magazine. The MP inspection detail prior to use in demonstration must inspect all shotgun blanks. Blanks may not have packing material that could pose a potential hazard to other members during demonstrations.

SECTION ID – CLASS 3 WEAPONS

Delaware law prohibits possession of Class 3 weapons within the state. However, Class 3 weapons are allowed if they are blank adapted, replicas, or otherwise rendered incapable of firing a live cartridge. Blank firing fully automatic weapons are permitted. There are no regulations prohibiting the use of gas-firing weapons that simulate fully automatic firing.

SECTION II – EDGED WEAPONS

Edged weapons such as bayonets and fighting knives are allowed for display only. Edged weapons must be handled safely and out of reach of the public. There will be no combat demonstrations permitted with sharpened blades. Blades may be used as part of a weapons display, but under no circumstances may the public handle these weapons. Brass knuckles are prohibited by Delaware law; as a result WWI trench knives are not allowed. Bayonets may be fixed to a weapon only for ceremonial purposes or photographs.

SECTION III – EXPLOSIVES

Use of explosives will be judged on an as-needed basis. If use of explosives is desired for demonstration purposes, the request must be submitted to Fort Miles command for consideration and approval. Submit explosives requests to the Fort Miles Office by calling 302-644-5007 or in writing, attention Michael Rogers to:

Fort Miles
42 Cape Henlopen Drive
Lewes, DE 19958

SECTION IV – ARTILLERY

Crews comprised of re-enactor members and Delaware State Parks staff will conduct artillery demonstrations. Artillery demonstrations are conducted using black powder. All crewmembers must complete black powder training with a certified staff member of Delaware State Parks prior to participating in artillery demonstrations. MP and AP details will ensure that public spectators are kept at a safe distance during artillery demonstrations.

CHAPTER 6

TACTICAL OPERATIONS

Tactical operations will be conducted in designated demonstration areas and times. Members participating in tactical operations must have completed registration paperwork on file with Fort Miles command. The registration form can be completed and printed at <http://www.fortmiles.org>. It must be signed and mailed in to the address specified on the form.

SECTION I – CONDUCT OF TROOPS IN BATTLE

During tactical operations, no weapon shall be fired directly at anyone closer than fifty (50) feet or whenever anyone is close to the muzzle of the weapon. This applies to persons who are next to you as well as in front of the muzzle. Please be mindful of the other person's hearing.

No projectile may be fired at less than 45 degrees from horizontal. Signal flares must be fired at 90 degrees from horizontal.

Any pyrotechnics used in tactical operations must be approved by the battery commander.

No one may fix any bayonet to any rifle, except for controlled (posed, staged) photographs. Anyone using a fixed bayonet during a tactical operation will be removed from the operation and may be expelled from future events.

All persons must wear head gear while in the field.

Star crimped blanks may be used in a non-blank adapted bolt-action rifle. The rifle must be fired not less than fifty (50) feet at any individual. The bore must be clean of any debris prior to the safety inspection. Blank adapted bolt action rifles are optional, but not required. Semi-automatic rifles and pistols must be blank adapted for use in tactical operations.

Vehicles operating off-road in a tactical area must have a ground guide to avoid personnel hiding in vegetation.

SECTION II – INJURIES

MP or AP details will be assigned to spectator safety control. They will be responsible for keeping the public at a safe distance during tactical operations. For regulations regarding spectator control, refer to section 2D. In the event that a spectator is injured, a member of park staff or the battery commander must be notified immediately so that rangers can be called to the scene.

Minor injuries sustained by participants during tactical operations can be attended to by field medics. All members should carry a small personal first aid kit with them at all times. Injuries requiring additional medical care will be immediately attended to by a medic who must report those injuries to park staff or the battery commander. Park regulations require that injuries requiring more than basic first aid (small bandage or ice pack) be reported to park rangers. For regulations regarding more serious injuries or emergency situations, refer to Chapter 8.

CHAPTER 7

OPERATION & DISPLAY OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Operation of motor vehicles at Cape Henlopen State Park is subject to the laws of the State of Delaware and will be enforced by CHSP Rangers.

The speed limit is clearly posted throughout the park and applies to both modern and period vehicles operating on any park road. Operators exceeding the posted speed limit on park property are subject to fines issued by CHSP Rangers.

SECTION I – PERIOD VEHICLES

Period vehicles are an essential part of the garrison experience and we encourage members with period vehicles to bring them whenever possible. Vehicles may be operated on roads throughout the post and Cape Henlopen State Park. Operators must be licensed drivers.

Display and operation of period vehicles is permitted in garrison during public hours. Vehicle operators must keep in mind that they are operating in close proximity of pedestrians.

Tracked vehicles are permitted, but may not be operated on any road surfaces.

All period vehicles must have a minimum of liability automotive insurance to operate on Delaware State Parks property.

SECTION II – MODERN VEHICLES

Modern vehicles are not permitted on Sandy Lane or Artillery Circle during event hours. No exceptions! Modern vehicles are permitted on garrison during load-in and load-out times at the beginning and end of the event. Modern vehicles must be moved to reenactor parking in a timely manner. Vehicles in violation of these regulations are subject to removal at owners' expense. Violators will be towed after reasonable warning attempts have been made.

SECTION III – PARKING

Public parking will be designated at the beginning of each event. Only handicapped individuals or veterans may use the Fort Miles parking lot at the main entrance. Visitors will be shuttled from designated parking lots to the Fort Miles site at regular intervals.

Parking and traffic control will be enforced by MP and AP personnel for the duration of public hours. In the event that a vehicle operator fails to follow rules set forth by Delaware State Parks staff, MP and AP staff will notify the battery commander and a ranger will be called to correct the violation.

CHAPTER 8

EMERGENCIES

Emergency situations are an unfortunate possibility. However, it is important that all members be prepared for them. Careful consideration and common sense will help to prevent potentially hazardous situations from occurring, but accidents do happen.

In the event of an emergency situation, immediately notify the battery commander or a member of Delaware State Parks staff. They are equipped with radios, and will immediately notify a Park Ranger.

SECTION I – RANGERS

The park enforcement staff will have the final say on all enforcement issues and medical emergencies. Rangers can be dispatched by radio to the area by any park staff member or the battery commander. Rangers should only be summoned in emergency situations or if a member of the visiting public becomes disorderly.

SECTION II – FIELD MEDICS

All members should carry a first aid kit at all times on their pistol or cartridge belt. Some manufacturers make first aid kits that will fit in a Carlisle bandage pouch. These are available at your local pharmacy.

In case of a medical emergency, immediately contact a Delaware State Parks staff member or the battery commander. They will then call 911 and call a ranger to the location of the emergency.

Medic impressions are not limited to individuals with medical experience. However, in the event of an emergency, only licensed EMTs and/or Delaware State Parks staff with CPR certification (where applicable) may attend to a medical incident as a first responder. Additional medical care should be left to be determined by park rangers and any paramedics called to the incident. Medics will wear the same insignia as artillery but will include the medic brassard as identification. Licensed EMTs will wear command rank (corporal, sergeant, etc), all other medics who are not licensed EMTs will wear technical ranks.