

★ LOMBARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROUDLY PRESENTS THE SEVENTH ANNUAL ★

# LOMBARD'S CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT

JULY 21-23, 2017  
FOUR SEASONS PARK

## Reenactment Guidelines

Welcome to Lombard's Civil War Reenactment sponsored by the Lombard Historical Society and hosted by Stanford's Battery .

All participants are strongly urged to read all sections of the rules and guidelines before submitting your registration to Lombard's Civil War Reenactment. By submitting your registration, you agree to the rules and guidelines.

### Purpose

The primary purpose of the reenactment is to recreate, on a small scale, the events of a typical Civil War campaign for the education and entertainment of the participants and the event's visitors as part of the mission of the Lombard Historical Society. We should attempt to portray these events as accurately as possible, consistent with the available space, personnel, historic information and safety requirements. We recognize that no reenactment unit can achieve 100% authenticity in their interpretation. A unit's desire to participate reflects their acceptance of the standards of the event.

### General

- The event opens to the public on Saturday from 10:00am - 4:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm (Reenactor's Ball) and on Sunday from 10:00am-4:00pm. Friday night the Historical Society and the Helen Plum Library will host Civil War Trivia at 7:00 PM under the main tent; there is a \$5 entry fee but free to all reenactors.
- The provost guard, Lombard Historical Society staff, and US/UC command staff are to address all problems. All decisions made by LHS staff are final.
- All units, vendors and sutlers must provide proof of insurance and fill out our volunteer form.
- All participants, including civilians, must be quiet from 11:00 pm until 7:00am. NO EXCEPTIONS - Remember, your neighbors are trying to sleep.
- Drunk, disorderly or destructive as well as loud, mean-spirited behavior will not be tolerated. Any damage caused will be the direct responsibility of the person(s) involved, and local authorities will be contacted.
- Illegal substances will not be tolerated in accordance with state and local laws and regulations.
- Offenders will be turned over to local law enforcement officials for arrest and prosecutions.
- Participants attempting to engage in field activities under the influence of ANY intoxicant will be expelled from the event and possibly future events.
- Anyone causing problems will be expelled from the event.
- For the safety of your pets, we ask that you not bring them to the event.
- Please treat the Four Seasons Park property with respect.

### Setup, Vehicles, and Parking

- Setup begins at 4:00pm-8:00pm on Friday July 21, 2017 for military and civilians.
- Registration form and parking pass pick up will be located at the gazebo in Four Seasons Park (located off Finley Road entrance). Registration time is Friday 5:30-7:00pm and Saturday 8:30-9:30am. Make arrangements with staff at [Director@lombardhistory.org](mailto:Director@lombardhistory.org) or call 630-629-1885 for late arrival.
- Straw and wood will be available on site. (Limited quantity)
- Water will be available on site. *See Map*

- Vehicles will be permitted to enter camps to load and unload only.
- Vehicles must be out of camp and parked in designated parking areas with parking permits displayed after equipment is unloaded. Cars must be parked in the back lot of the school unless handicap parking is needed.
- Do not drive on maintained lawns.
- Any reenactors arriving on Saturday morning may drive their vehicle into the camp from 8:00am - 9:15am
- Prior to Saturday morning vehicles may be driven into camp for brief unloading only. Please do not leave your vehicle in camp.

## Safety

- If you are in need of emergency medical attention, ask anyone to summon help.
- Absolutely no private fireworks are allowed. Violators will be expelled from the event.
- Provost guards will be on duty at night and local law enforcement is aware of the event.
- Public and reenactors' safety comes first! Should you see an unsafe situation, report it immediately to:
  - o Host unit: Stanford's Battery
  - o Command staff
  - o Lombard Historical Society Staff Member
- Any person(s) found responsible for conduct endangering another person's health and/or life with any kind of weapon shall be evicted from the event immediately and permanently.
- The local law enforcement will be notified immediately of any problems.
- No firearms or knives of any kind will be allowed at the dance on Saturday night. Officers must sheath their swords and carry empty revolver holsters or otherwise leave holsters and/or swords in camp.
- Parents are responsible for their children's behavior and safety.
- Children may not play with or "tend" campfires.
- Children must remain their height plus one step away from campfires.
- Parents are financially responsible for their children's behavior.

## Camps

- Tentage of proper period design will be acceptable.
- Large tents will need to comply with Village of Lombard code.
- Camp furniture should be of period style.
- Blankets, quilts and other bedding should be of period nature, in general use by the common person in mid-war.
- Modern conveniences need to be kept out of the sight of the general public.
- Cell phones/pagers need to be used in a discreet manner and should be restricted to tents.
- Food containers and utensils that are visible should be of the proper type common to general period usage.
- **Fire pits are allowed with these guidelines:**
  - o Fire pits should be placed a sufficient distance from tents and must be sufficiently deep to prevent flames from spreading.
  - o Fires must be well-banked and watched
  - o All fire pits must be thoroughly doused and filled in smoothly with the sod replaced at the event's conclusion.
- Smoking during public hours is limited to pipes, cigars and period cigarettes.
- Any leftover straw or firewood must be cleaned up.
- ***Campsites must be returned to their original condition prior to leaving the event.***

## Uniforms & Equipage

- Uniforms and equipage will be appropriate mid-war attire.
- Standard federal issue uniforms (Union)
- At a minimum, uniforms and accoutrements will be constructed of materials and of designs accurate for the period being portrayed.

## Restrooms

Modern restrooms are located on site. *See Map*

## Age Limit / Proficiency Requirements

For participation on the field or carrying of a weapon (in all service branches), participants must be:

- **At least 14 years of age** and be proficient in the School of the Soldier and the School of the Company.
- The only exception is for musicians, who must be at least 12 years old.
- Participants serving as active members of artillery crews, e.g., those serving positions, **must be at least 18 years of age.**
- All participants **under the age of 18** must be under the supervision of a parent/legal guardian, or other responsible adult who will sign a consent form acknowledging said responsibility upon registration. In the absence of said consent form, the affected unit commander must accept this responsibility.

## Sutlers

- All sutlers are welcome.
- The fire marshal will be inspecting tents.
- Please make sure that you have all of your tent poles secure and stakes marked so as not to be a tripping hazard for the public.
- Fire extinguishers are required otherwise see LHS staff to borrow one for the weekend.
- Call or e-mail LHS Staff for setup time on Friday.
- Sutlers fee of \$25 is required with registration prior to and including June 9, 2017, and \$40 after June 9, 2017. No registrations will be accepted after July 7, 2017.
- Absolutely no set up on Thursday.

## Food Venders

See food vendor registration for further details.

## Weaponry, Small Arms, Artillery and Gun Crew

### Weaponry (General)

For your safety and the safety of visitors and guests to the event, please note the following:

- All firearms must be in working order.
- All small arms must have a functioning half-cock and a hammer screw.
- Commanders shall have the obligation to exclude weapons from the field if such are found to be operationally unsafe or inappropriate for the scenario.
- All firing other than battle-scripted firing shall take place on an established firing line.

### Infantry

- Military issue two- or three-band black powder muskets.
- This does NOT include Hawken/ Trade or Zouave rifles.
- Ramrods will be carried on the battlefield but never drawn. NCO's are responsible for securing that the troops under their command do not draw rammers.
- Fouled pieces will be passed to a file closer who will be allowed to draw rammer from the file closer position, in order to clear the piece.

### Revolvers

- Officers are the ONLY participants permitted to carry revolvers as appropriate during the mid-war period.
- No Wunder Wads or similar hard materials shall be used in revolvers.
- Cream of Wheat or cornstarch is encouraged.

### Edged Weapons

- Knives carried by participants will be of proper design and safely secured in an appropriate sheath.
- At NO TIME will knives be drawn on the field.

Bayonets should be carried by enlisted men but ONLY fixed by order of a commanding officer.

- At all other times they shall be secured in a proper scabbard. The scabbard must have a metal tip.

### **Cartridges**

- Loose powder may NOT be carried on the field.
- All small arms cartridges should be pre-rolled off-site, and should be properly constructed.
- Penny wrappers, heavy bond paper, plastic, staples, or tapes may not be used in construction of small arms cartridges.
- Percussion caps and cartridges for ready use MUST be carried in authentic cap boxes and cartridge pouches.
- Additional suitably-wrapped ammunition may be carried in field packs or haversacks.

### **Firing**

- Discharge of weapons is only allowed in specified areas.

## **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL SMALL ARMS PROJECTILES OF ANY KIND BE ALLOWED ON SITE**

### **Small Arms**

- Rounds for rifles and pistols should be of period off-white paper and style.
- Loads for powder: no larger than 60 grains for rifled musket and 80 grains for smooth bore muskets of 69 cal. or larger and 30 grains for pistols.
- No pulling of rammer and/or ramming of paper in rifles/muskets during Skirmish.
- Bayonets will not be pulled or fixed during Battle.
- Pistols are to be worn and used by persons of the proper and authentic impression only.
- Artillery members are not to wear pistols while operating guns for safety reasons.
- All pistols, rifles and muskets are to have proper charges in them always.
- All soldiers must be 16 years of age.
- All weapons must be inspected by the unit commander or prior to battle or any other exercise that the musket or any other firearm is to be used.
- ALL SAFETY VIOLATIONS WILL BE DEALT WITH HARSHLY. Only properly functioning historically accurate weapons of the American Civil War period will be allowed.

## **Artillery: by Invite Only**

- Artillery rounds must be of the proper size and powder load for the muzzle type being used. Use only black powder.
- When unattended, the artillery piece must be unloaded and locked down along with its attachments and accoutrements.
- All ammunition must be kept in accurately reproduced cartridge boxes, packages, and crates.
- All powder should be stored in a safe place away from open flames and other heat sources.
- Please make your cartridges before coming to the event as exposure of loose gunpowder to unsafe conditions is prohibited.
- All weapons will be immediately unloaded after the skirmish while still on the battlefield prior to marching back to camp and cleaning of weapons.
- DO NOT unload weapon in camp by firing weapon. Empty it on the battlefield.

### **Gun Crews**

- Artillery Invite Only
- All artillerists must be properly trained in correct artillery procedures.
- The chief of the piece is responsible for the discipline of his gun crew:
  - o The safe operation of his ordinance
  - o And the carrying out of orders from his battery officers.
- Limbers with proper ammunition chests are highly recommend.
- Full Scale Cannons Only. (If it is not a full scale please do not bring it to the event)

### **NO Mortars**

- o No Volley Guns
- o No Rocket Launchers
- At a minimum, each gun must have a lockable ammunition chest for storage or rounds.

## **Calvary: Mounted by Invite Only**

- Limited mounted Calvary and unlimited dismounted Calvary welcome.

### **Health Records**

- A current EiA (Coggins) test is required for all horses, and a current health certificate is required for all out-of-state horses.
- Current Flu, Rhino, and tetanus vaccinations are highly recommended, as well.
- Paperwork will be checked upon participant registration.

### **Conduct**

- As safety is of prime importance, unruly or uncontrollable horses, or those whose riders exhibit poor horsemanship or cruelty to animals will be removed from the battlefield.

### **Tack**

- All tack should be authentic and appropriate to the mid-war impression.
- No modern saddles.
- Tack will be inspected for safety.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Hay will be provided for all horses.
- Water troughs will be situated near all encampments.
- Trailers will have designated parking sites.

### **Uniforms and Accoutrements**

- Appropriate mid-war kepis, bummers, or slouch hats are expected.
- Appropriate brogans or boots will be worn, with standard leather accoutrements.
- Cavalry patterns are preferred but infantry patterns are acceptable.

### **Weapons**

- Cavalry carbines are preferred, with 2- and 3-band rifle muskets accepted (if you can document its use in the Civil War, however, you can use it.).
- One revolver per trooper.

### **Dismounted cavalry**

- NCOs and troopers will not carry sabers on the field.

For any questions please contact the Lombard Historical Society Staff at 630-629-1885 or [director@lombardhistory.org](mailto:director@lombardhistory.org). Thank you, we look forward to seeing you in Lombard this July!