

**SO 02-001-0515: Admittance to Ranks (as amended 8 March 2021)**

**Applicants who wish to join the Regiment in one of our Uniformed Companies (i.e. Grenadiers, Light Infantry, Colonel's, or Music) must:**

1. In order to carry a musket, a recruit must be at least 15 years of age and at least 5 feet (60 inches) tall—the recruit needs to be taller than his/her musket, which is about 58".
2. In order to be a Musician, be at least 10 years of age and at least 4 feet (48 inches) tall.
3. If under 18 years of age, obtain written permission from parents or guardians.
4. Since we portray 18th century soldiers and march about in the sun, dressed in wool, in the summertime, be able to maintain his/her basic health and appearance appropriately for this activity:
  - a. Members must maintain sufficient health, stamina, and body strength to carry their uniform, accoutrements, arms, and backpack on a brisk march of three miles in warm weather without undue health risk (appropriate rest and water stops are assumed).
  - b. Soldiers are expected to maintain a level of physical fitness commensurate for the activities they will be expected to perform.
  - c. All members must be "clean shaven" regarding facial hair (this means they have shaved sometime within the past 2-3 days as the Regulars were required to shave on Sunday and Wednesday).
5. Fill out and submit an Application along with a deposit payment of at least \$500.00.
6. **Membership in other Re-enactment Groups:** Renounce membership in any other American War for Independence (AWI) era recreated military unit. Dual memberships are not allowed for members of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment as it creates a commitment conflict. Accordingly, if an individual is a member of a non-AWI re-enacting unit, the individual must commit first to any and all 10<sup>th</sup> Foot events over any other re-enacting groups' scheduled events. The Commanding Officer may give an exception only to Recruit Musicians who hold membership in a non-military marching band (such as the 4-H or William Diamond).
7. **Probationary Period:** A Recruit joining a uniformed company shall serve a minimum of a 6 (six) month probationary period before becoming eligible to be Sworn to Service as a Full Member of the Regiment.
8. **Discharge of a Recruit from the Regiment:** At the discretion of the Command Staff, a Recruit can be discharged without cause from the Regiment at any time prior to being Sworn to Service.
  - a. Regimental policies regarding Buy-Back of kit (SO 03-002-0515) shall apply to any recruit who is thus discharged.

**Once the Applicant is accepted as a Recruit, in order to be Sworn to Service as a Full Member of the Regiment, the Recruit must complete the following steps within 6 to 12 months of acceptance:**

1. **Uniform and Equipment:** The Recruit must have a complete uniform, including all accoutrements, arms and accessories, relevant to the Recruit's assigned company.
2. **Levy Payments:** The Recruit must have a \$0 balance with the Regiment.
3. **Exercises:** The Recruit must know the marching maneuvers and have completed a Recruit School to the satisfaction of the chief instructor of the school where the maneuvers were performed in ranks.
  - a. If carrying a musket, as determined by the Regimental Serjeant Major and the Recruit's company Serjeants:
    - i. Must demonstrate the maturity and common sense appropriate to the handling of firearms and bayonets.
    - ii. Sufficient upper body strength to control and handle the musket safely.
    - iii. Must demonstrate proficiency in the Regiment's Manual of Arms.

- iv. Must demonstrate knowledge of Regimental safety rules as found on the Regiment's website by signing a witnessed copy and reciting its basic points to his company's Serjeants.
  - b. To fire a musket, as determined by the Recruit's company Commanding Officer and Serjeants along with the Regimental Serjeant Major:
    - i. All of the above plus:
    - ii. Be at least 16 years of age.
  - c. For Musicians:
    - i. Must show proficiency with the musical instrument assigned, as determined by either the Drum Major or the Fife Major.
    - ii. Must demonstrate knowledge of Regimental safety rules as found on the Regiment's website by signing a witnessed copy and reciting its basic points to either the Drum Major or the Fife Major.
4. **Serjeant's Exam:** The Regimental Serjeant Major must attest that the Recruit appeared in #2 Dress uniform, passed a uniform inspection as well as a Serjeant's Examination and is ready to join the ranks.
5. Attend and participate in 75% of the Regiment's scheduled events, 3 of which must be parades.
6. Attend and participate in 8 out of 11 scheduled monthly Drills.
7. **Swearing-in a Recruit to Full Membership:** A Recruit will be Sworn to Service as a Full Member of the Regiment when the Regimental Serjeant Major has notified the Commanding Officer that the Recruit has completed the minimum 6 month probationary period and of all of the above steps. At a time and place designated by the Commanding Officer, the Recruit will be Sworn to Service before the Regiment, in full uniform and under arms, by being given the Oath and presented with the King's Shilling, denoting his acceptance of pay in the King's Service.

NOTE: It is highly recommended that all potential recruits read the complete Regimental Standing Orders (found here) before applying for membership.