



THE GRAND REVIEW PARADE
MAY 14TH – 17TH, 2015
WASHINGTON, DC



Safety and Authenticity Standards

These Safety and Authenticity Standards apply to each of the 5 closing sesquicentennial events and apply to all registered military and civilian marchers / participants. The 5 closing sesquicentennial events include; The Commemoration of Lincoln's 2nd Inaugural March 7, 2015, The Commemoration of the Lincoln Assassination April 14-15, 2015, The Commemoration of DC Emancipation April 16, 2015, The Lincoln Funeral Procession and Funeral Train April 18-21, 2015, and The Grand Review Parade down Pennsylvania Ave May 17, 2015.

Any Living History or other camps organized for the benefit of participants and or to facilitate transportation requirements are to be period correct to 1865 unless otherwise noted in the discussion of each event and subject to event standards of your umbrella organization.

With this in mind, participants are advised of the following:

1. Every participant (military & civilian) shall affiliate, as a part of their registration, with an established Civil War unit, living history or USCT Descendant's group. As a safety and as a command, control and communications issue it is the individual's responsibility to affiliate.

Affiliation means that the unit or individual will be under the control of, camp with, be safety inspected by and fall in for march with that recognized group. Individuals must join or affiliate with a unit to register. The event Commanders and organizers will make the final determination if a registration is accepted.

2. Walk-on's will NOT be Allowed.

Due to the cost of transportation, the security requirements surrounding these events in the post 9/11 environment and due to the sensitivity of arms in the Nation's Capital, no unregistered participants will be permitted to participate. Specialty impressions are by invitation only.

3. The event organizers begin with the assumption that the vast majority of participants and reenactors care deeply about our heritage, the impressions that these events will have on the public, the likely mass media attention to be given and, in the case of the Lincoln Funeral Train, the fact that these standards apply to other events around the country to Springfield, Ill. We thank participants for the considerable time, effort, and resources spent in assembling accurate portrayals. As such, these standards are designed to protect and honor everyone's effort. We also assume that each reenactor and living historian is prepared to take personal responsibility for their own health and safety and the safety of others in camp and on the march. If you cannot march – say 10 city blocks -- without a significant rest – and then return, please observe the parade, in period dress, but do not attempt to march with us.

Additional Guidance Regarding Period Civilian Impressions

Note: While there are exceptions to every rule, we are striving to teach the public about the kind of attire that might have been seen at any of these events. If you want to include an exception to these guidelines in your impression, please contact us in advance.

Dresses should be made of period-correct reproduction prints and natural materials such as cotton, wool or silk, according to your chosen period station in life and the style of the dress. The more upscale style dresses should NOT be made out of cotton, but rather silk or lightweight wool. They will be constructed in the period styles, with either gathered bodices or fitted bodices. Sleeves should be either the common coat or bishop styles, or pagoda style if dressier. Dresses should have *narrow collars*, either white fabric or crocheted, basted onto the dress and fastened with simple brooches or ties. In the absence of a collar, a *neckerchief* in a plain colored or period- patterned fabric (no modern bandannas) is preferred. At these events, dresses without collars or neckerchiefs should be restricted to working-class or enslaved impressions.

All men and women with have their heads covered. *Hair* should generally be parted in the middle (no bangs) and pulled back towards the nape of the neck in rolls, braids or a bun. *Civilian men will be dressed to include a civilian sack coat in cassimere, satinette or wool, or a frock coat or paletot.* Men's *headwear* appropriate for 1865 includes properly-bound, period- appropriate felt slouch hats; porkpie hats; wide-brimmed, low-crowned bowlers, beehive hats; cloth mechanic's/wheel caps and period-correct straw hats such as a planter's hat (no Western or Aussie hats, please). Men's *hair* should be parted on the side and somewhat long in most cases. –A *vest/waistcoat is appropriate.*

4. No person shall carry the non-commissioned rank of Sgt/Major or the commissioned field grade rank of major or above without approval of Army command. No General Officers will be allowed without prior approval of the event staff. This is to improve communications and management of the parade.
5. Safety and inspection violations will be immediately corrected. Army, Division and Regimental commanders will be held responsible for noted safety violations and for their correction.
6. For military participants, all events – except for the Grand Review - require a Federal dress parade uniform (sacks and frock permitted). The Grand Review uniform is as a Federal soldier only, but acknowledges that many of the troops were just coming off the field and, in Sherman's case, reflected a broader mix and match of available clothing. For period civilian participants, all events – except for the Grand Review - require a formal day or ball dresses. The Grand Review requirement for civilians will also permit contraband clothing, as appropriate. Contraband are known to have followed Sherman from Freedom Town – now known as Arlington Cemetery - into the parade. As a compromise to modern
7. Period Ice Angels (2-3) will be permitted for each authorized Battalion. Each Ice Angel must be at least 16 years of age. Proper uniform will be required.
8. The classic Federal “campaigner” impression is suitable only for the Grand Review parade.
9. With the exception of the Emancipation Parade on April 16th, there shall be no floats or modern (high school) marching bands, banners or other signs carried in these parades. Period colors (flags) only.
10. No children are allowed to participate as military marchers in any of these events, under the age of 16. Children under the age of 16 will be permitted if determined to be a period music functioning drummer or fifer. Children may participate as civilian spectators with accompanying parent.

11. RV's are welcome at RFK for the Grand Review and at announced registration locations (camps) for other events. However, there are no hookups available and there can be no overnight parking. There will be no modern camping, in the parking area and there is no other modern camping site. No fires and nor tarps will be permitted off any RV.

Special Event Safety Requirements.

1. There will be no firing. Inspections will include assurance that NO caps or powder are being carried. No small arms will be carried. Swords are approved
2. A violation of these firearm rules will result in removal from the event.
3. You can fix bayonets for inspections, to stack arms and for present arms at command
4. No bare feet. You may be willing to run the risk, but we don't want to send medics for you when someone may be having a more serious problem elsewhere.
5. **NO black powder weapons of any kind will be carried by any participant less than 16 years of age.** Participants 16-18 years old must have parental or signed guardian supervision. Exceptions will be made for functional musicians (boys 11 or older who can actually play in period a drum, a fife or a bugle)
6. **NO** projectiles, bullets, musket balls, tampions or loading blocks will be carried at any time.

Weapons

1. 3 band muskets preferred; correct 2 banders allowed only by prior approval of your unit and umbrella affiliate to meet historical accuracy.
2. NO non-period weapons.
3. NO civilian weapons.
4. No side arms carried -- Sgts, Cavalry troopers and officers may carry swords
5. NO sheath knives
6. NO tompions

Artillery/Cavalry /Naval

1. Cavalry is invited to the Grand Review as above. Cav will be by invitation only for all other events. There is no limit for marching dismounted Federal Cav at any event.
2. Cav and equestrian camps are being arranged for the day before the grand review and day after. Check here for updates and locations.
3. Each Cav or horse drawn gun unit or command must supply its own pooper-scoopers to follow their troops. No Cav shall participate unless and until those pooper-scoopers with receptacles are identified.
4. Artillery is by the invitation only and is limited in the Grand Review to 6 guns, mounted preferred. There is no limit on marching Artillery crews.
5. Artillery will be inspected by the Artillery Commander and the NPS before being permitted in the Grand Review march.
6. The Artillery Commander will be responsible for reporting to the Army Commander and event staff that each gun has been inspected
7. **Horses** will be required to have a current Coggins certificate. Coggins certificates should be dated within the past year. Coggins papers and horses will be inspected upon off-loading near the registration tent. Spot checks for Coggins papers can occur at anytime during the event. Horses brought on site without current Coggins papers will not be allowed to participate in the event and will be asked to leave the site. Veterinarians will be on call in case of emergency. Event sponsors will provide two bales of hay per horse and water, but will NOT provide horse troughs for the Grand Review. We will provide water buffalos at the RFK registration site and at the end of the Grand Review – only.
8. Navy impressions are permitted as marching units – only.