

**Bylaws of the Haslet's Delaware Regiment
(Northern California)
Effective: September 14, 2013**

The purpose of this unit is to portray the Delaware Regiment of the Revolutionary War in a fully authentic manner whenever practical, with emphasis on having fun, while educating ourselves and the public on the history of the Revolutionary War and the soldiers and civilians of that war.

The Haslet's Delaware Regiment was originally formed in 1976, as a member of the Brigade of the American Revolution, a Non-profit organization. The Northern California Unit of Haslet's Delaware Regiment was formed informally in 2010.

The Delaware Regiment portrays a fighting and mobile infantry unit that demands a significant degree of physical fitness. Thus for the sake of personal health and for safety reasons in our portrayal of this unit, we find it necessary to require military members to be physically fit and able to participate fully in all demonstrations, battles, and drills. All Unit members are expected to present an authentic portrayal of Revolutionary War America, including authentic clothing, accouterments, tentage and equipment, at all events. Research is an important component of Unit activities, to ensure an authentic portrayal.

While the Unit focus is on the military aspects of the Delaware Regiment, to be able to fully portray the history of the Revolutionary War, the Unit will include Civilian members who generally portray a civilian occupation or a camp follower, and can include other authentic portrayals, depending on the interests of the Unit. Soldiers are expected to put together in a reasonable amount of time a Delaware kit, but may also portray other authentic soldier impressions. And to fully portray Revolutionary War history, the Delaware Regiment will coordinate fully with all sister units in California and the Nation, as appropriate.

Military and Civilian Enlistment Requirement:

Admissions qualifications: In order to qualify for admission in the Delaware Regiment, the following guidelines are suggested. All members to be considered active should be able to participate in 50 percent of regularly scheduled Unit events, and to have paid dues. Female military members are allowed, as long as they are able to conceal feminine identity sufficiently. Military members who also maintain membership in sister Revolutionary War units, may split time at events when that sister unit is participating. Invitations to potential new members and acceptance as a new member will be by informal vote of majority of voting members.

Military Recruits:

There will be a probation period for each new military recruit. At a desired time there may be tests for advancement to full Private.

1. Each military recruit will receive training in Manual of Arms and marching drill.
2. Each military recruit will receive training in lighting a fire with flint & steel.

3. Recruits will begin acquiring uniforms, equipment and musket as speedily as possible with help from Unit resources.
4. Until uniform coat can be acquired, new recruits may wear a brown or blue frock coat of cotton or linen.

Advancement to Full Private:

1. Fully equipped with uniform, equipment and musket.
2. Able to light a sustainable fire with flint and steel.
3. Successfully respond to Manual of Arms commands.
4. Fire the flintlock safely by the Manual (without rammer) three times in a minute (using blanks).
5. Clean his flintlock, in the field, with only gear from his own bag.

*For a recruit to be accepted as a Full Private, he/she may be voted in by receiving a majority vote of approval from the other soldiers and including the Sergeant, or by general agreement.

Civilian membership:

There will be a probation period for each new Civilian member. Each Civilian member should portray a specific and authentic role as Camp Follower or as a Craftsperson, should research that role, and present a reasonable portrayal of that role.

Membership:

Membership will run from January 1st to December 31st.
Dues shall be \$25.00 per year, payable by the 1st.

Clerk, Civilian Lead, Officer, Sergeant or Corporal Elections:

Elections:

All positions will be elected annually. The Unit will determine the need for each position annually by November 1 by ballot. All elected positions will be filled by secret ballot via email in January. Candidates will announce their intention to run for office in November. Military positions will be elected by votes of military members, Civilian positions by votes of Civilian members, and General positions such as Clerk, by votes of all members. Ballots will be counted by two members not running for any position, and shall be appointed by the current Unit commander. Alternatively, elected positions may be elected by acclimation at a Unit meeting prior to the end of the January.

General Positions:

Duties of Company Clerk:

1. Overall Leadership of the Delaware Regiment. The Clerk could be military or non-military person.
2. Organization of Unit annual schedule.
3. Collection of funds and Unit bank account.
4. Membership and Contact List.
5. Leadership of meetings and meeting minutes.

Military Positions:

Since at any given time the Unit may not have a particular military position filled or present, where duties below are duplicated, the highest ranking position has the responsibility at events.

Duties of an Officer:

1. Leadership and direction of Military portion of Unit at all events.
2. Responsible for the safety of the unit and others nearby.
3. Make sure soldiers are thoroughly knowledgeable on the manual of arms and marching drill.
4. Able to interact with public and media at events.

Duties of the Sergeant:

1. Leadership and direction of Military portion of Unit at all events.
2. Responsible for the safety of the unit and others nearby.
3. Make sure soldiers are thoroughly knowledgeable on the manual of arms and marching drill.
4. Discipline of soldiers.
5. Camp layout and defarb of Camp.
6. Able to interact with public and media at events.

Duties of a Corporal:

1. Leadership and direction of Military portion of Unit at all events.
2. Responsible for the safety of the unit and others nearby.
3. Make sure soldiers are thoroughly knowledgeable on the manual of arms and marching drill.
4. Discipline of soldiers.
5. Camp layout and defarb of Camp

Duties of Privates:

1. Responsible to have all personal equipment ready before each event and demonstration.
2. Make sure camp is defarbed.

Civilian Positions:

Duties of Civilian Lead:

1. Coordinate with Unit military commander.
2. Leadership and direction of Civilian activities at all events.
3. Approve Civilian Town layout and defarb of Town.

Management of Funds:

Funds in the Unit checking account will be managed by the Clerk, who will report status of funds at Unit meetings. An Assistant appointed by the Unit will be also listed on the account; that person can also sign checks for the Unit. Checks to pay various expenses

will ordinarily be signed by the Clerk, with notification of checks for expenses over \$50 to the Unit. Financial status of the bank account will be made at scheduled Unit meetings.

Unit Meetings:

Unit meetings will be scheduled as needed, but should be held at a minimum quarterly. Meetings will be documented with meeting Minutes, sent to the Unit for review.

Bylaw Changes:

Bylaw changes shall be made by a simple majority vote of the unit members choosing to vote, conducted via email or in person, and changes shall be effective immediately.

Bylaws adopted by majority vote via emails, 11th Day of September, 2013.

Revised by majority vote at meeting, 13 September, 2013.