

The Liberty Greys
Sixth Regiment, First Division
Army of Northern Virginia

Outline for the Formation of a Corps of Cadets

Mission Statement

The Liberty Greys, Sixth Regiment, First Division, Army of Northern Virginia is dedicated to the presentation and practice of American Civil War living history at the highest level of quality and safety. We are also committed to extending this practice to our youth. Through the establishment of The Liberty Greys Corps of Cadets we hope to educate its members and to encourage them to carry on the traditions of excellence established by this Regiment. The intent of the Corps of cadets is to encourage the "next generation" of living historians and thereby better insure that the practice of American Civil War reenacting in our region will continue and thrive at our established levels of excellence.

Eligibility

Membership in the Corps of Cadets shall be limited to all individuals between the ages of 11 and 15 years provided that a parent or legal guardian is a member in good standing of a member unit of the Liberty Greys and that the youth is a participant in the ANV insurance program.

Application

All applicants for the Corps of Cadets will complete an application form. That form will include such basic information as the applicant's name, home address, phone number, e-mail address, unit affiliation and emergency contact information. The applicant will also briefly state what their interest is in the Corps of Cadets. All applications must be signed by a parent or legal guardian and by the commander of the applicant's unit.

Staff

In order to effectively train and educate the Corps of Cadets, and to insure that their progress is tracked and recorded, a staff of volunteer members of the Regiment will be required. These shall include the following positions:

Commandant of Cadets - This individual will effectively oversee the program, directing and aiding the other staff members and the Cadets.

Principle Drill Instructor - This individual will oversee the drill training process and effectively be the unit commander for the Corps of Cadets. The Principle Drill Instructor will be schedule and hold drills and be responsible for record keeping in regard to attendance and performance at the drills.

Principle Education Instructor - This individual will draft and / or

oversee non-drill related training for the Corps of Cadets. This position will also draft and oversee written and oral tests and be responsible for recording the results of any such tests.

Registrar - This individual will maintain the records of the Corps of Cadets. They will compile testing scores and see that all activities of the Cadets are recorded.

Instructors. These volunteers will, on a regular or rotating basis, participate in the training of the corps of cadets.

Requirements

All members of the Corps of Cadets will be required in one hour of drill and one hour of service to the Regiment during the course of each event they attend.

Uniform & Equipment

While on duty, cadets shall be required to wear a basic uniform consisting of jacket and trousers of appropriate design and materials for the Army of Northern Virginia circa 1861-1865, a kepi or blocked slouch hat appropriate to the same criteria, an appropriate canteen and appropriate footwear. We are sensitive to the fact that period correct shoes are expensive and that young people's feet grow at an extraordinary rate. Although brogans will not universally be required, the use of sneakers is discouraged. Each member of the Corps of Cadets shall wear a black wool flash on the right shoulder of their uniform. Each member of the Corps of Cadets is required to have a drill rifle.

Promotion

At the end of each campaign season, the members of the Corps of Cadets will be reviewed. Their attendance, test scores and evaluations by instructors will be taken into consideration. At the end of the first year of the Corps of Cadets, the following promotions will be made:

Sergeant of Cadets - The highest scoring cadet shall be awarded this rank.

Corporal of Cadets - The second highest scoring cadet shall be awarded this rank.

Lance Corporal of Cadets - The third highest scoring cadet shall be awarded this rank.

Moving forward, these individuals will assume responsibilities to assist the Commandant and Instructors in the training and operations of the Corps of Cadets.

Graduation

Upon their sixteenth birthday, a Cadet will graduate from the Corps of Cadets and take their place as a private within their parent company.

