

CAMPING STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR THE CIVILIAN ONLY "Town OF Norfolk"

Blue Gray Civilian Towns attempt to establish an experience of being in a civilian area surrounded by war. This is not a typical civil war camping experience. We welcome those new to this type of reenacting and endeavor to aid those who have not tried this sort of reenacting. We are accountable to each other in maintaining an 1860's atmosphere in surroundings, dress, speech, and behavior. Please read all the standards before you apply.

A. The Town will open for set up on Thursday morning, April 11, 2019. The Town will close to ALL vehicle traffic at 6:00 pm Thursday April 11. Vehicles may park at the edge of town on Friday, but may not be allowed into the main town area. There is a mandatory Town Meeting at 7:00 pm Thursday April 11 if you are there, and an additional meeting at 7:00 pm on Friday. No vehicles will be allowed in Town under any circumstance until after the battle and/or final ceremony on Sunday. Do not bring your vehicle into Town before the event is over. If an emergency arises, contact the Mayor or a Town Constable. You will be instructed to pack all your gear for hand transport to a designated area outside of the Town boundaries. You will need to be prepared to pack compactly and efficiently. Reenactor parking is not very far from the town.

B. Street layouts will be in place when you arrive. Camping location assignments will be made by the Mayor, based upon your stated tent 'footprint' with ropes. Please measure carefully, and include all your tentage, including fly ropes when requesting space. Due to tight space you will be assigned a place as you arrive. There will be no saving a space for someone next to you. If you need to camp next to each other please arrive at the same time. The "street" will be wide enough to accommodate vehicle unloading. Please unload your car/truck within 30 minutes and go to reenactor parking. Then come set up your tent. Shared fire areas will be marked and designated. Do not dig or make a fire in your tent area or in the street. Individual period braziers utilizing wood or hardwood lump charcoal are encouraged and may be used with proper safety measures in your own tent area.

C. We will have a centrally located Town Square. This will be the center of activity for the Town. Town Meeting will be held in this area. The Square will also be the focal point for any engagement with Military Authorities. Church services, Town socials and other gatherings will be held there. There may or may not be a fly. The Town Mayor will establish an alarm sound to summon you for gatherings. This may be a bell or watchman's rattle. When you hear it, you need to come. This system will also be used to issue weather alerts.

D. Civilian Weapons will be allowed on a case-by-case basis, inspected and approved by the Mayor John Masciale or his designee. Occupying military may confiscate weapons when seen, so there will not be a lot of chances to fire them. Please apply for firearms approval before the event as a part of your impression application. Firearms will be inspected daily.

E. The Town will be a Civilian-Only Town. All reenactors must be in period Civilian clothes when out of their tents throughout the weekend. This includes when spectators have left. Please, no sweatsuits, jeans, etc. outside of the tents. Military uniforms will be on occupying forces, not Citizens. This includes at night. No children in uniforms.

F. The Town will be part of Military scenarios during the reenactment. As such, there may be military incursions into the Town area. Military commanders will be apprised that tents with closed flaps will be off limits to searches. If your tent is open it may be subject to inspection by military authorities. If your tent is open, its visible contents must be period correct. Various planned scenarios may interrupt the normal flow of your day. There may be times when you are unable to leave or enter the Town.

G. The Town may be under military control at varying times of the reenactment. Anyone in Military uniform of the non-occupying force will be subject to arrest by the occupying Provost. The Mayor may be given arrest power by the Provost as well.

H. We are a Progressive Town with standards that we all have agreed to meet. We all wish to experience as much of the period as possible given the limitations of a Tent Town. Please be considerate of your neighbors. At no time will generators or 'noise producers' be allowed. No electronic games. Silence all cell phones. The Mayor will establish a "Town Limits" and any phone conversations must be taken outside those the Town limits. We highly encourage sunscreen, insect repellent, and any medicine and medical devices and medical equipment that you need. We will be glad to discuss adapting medical devices to aid in maintaining a period appearance outside your tent. Due to uneven soft ground, some modern medical equipment may not be safe for you to use.

I. The Town will not have individual fires. Fires will be laid out in designated locations. That means 4 to 6 families will need to share. Each family should provide one red 'fire bucket', to be filled with water or sand, and placed by the community pit. Those bringing stoves should state that when submitting their tent layout, so that we can position them accordingly. You will be given instructions to aid in site cleanup including where to return unused firewood.

J. No pets are allowed at this event.

K. No Participants under the age of 18 may be in the Town without a Parent or Guardian present.

L. Civilians camping in other areas of the event are welcome to visit during spectator hours. There may be active Town scenarios occurring throughout the day that require all those present to take direct orders from Town Authorities.

M. All military visitors to town must have a pass from their commanding officers or from the mayor.

N. Water may be an issue at this event. We recommend that each tent bring at least 5 gallons of water. Modern containers will have to be hidden in the tent.

O. We encourage Town members to utilize period food, period receipts, and period food storage and preservation methods. For those who require a modern cooler in order to meet their needs, these must be kept inside the tent. A canvas or burlap bag is required to conceal plastic bags of ice being transported during the event.