



ARTICLE I. NAME

- The unit shall be officially known as the Vernon Greys
- The Vernon Greys shall operate as a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

- We will reflect the highest standards of the American Civil War re-enactment services and to historically portray authenticity in the conduct, dress, grooming, and equipment of all members of the unit.
- The Vernon Greys will provide an educational outlet, not only for fellow members, but for the general public as well.
- The unit will work with other Civil War re-enactment units and organizations to help further this education.
- We will portray, to the best of our ability, the Vernon Greys we recognize as our own.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

- The membership is open to men and women regardless of race, creed, religion, or national origin. All females portraying soldiers must attempt to hide their gender. .
- Members must attend at least two (2) events and be at least sixteen years of age to be active members and eligible to vote on any issue brought before the group. Permission must be signed by parent or guardian for all minors under 18 years of age. All reenactors under eighteen years of age must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or adult supervisor at events as we are not responsible for their safety.
- All Musicians or other child reenactors over the age of twelve years must be proficient in the use of their instrument and/or prop they are using during reenactments. An adult mentor will facilitate the participation of minors at all times during reenactments.
- There will be no dues unless they are instated by the active members in an amendment to these by-laws.

ARTICLE IV. CONDUCT

- Officers and NCOs are responsible for enforcing the order and discipline of the company. Offenses which may require disciplinary action include, but are not limited to: lying, cheating, stealing, fraud, drunkenness disrespect for officers/NCOs, disobeying orders, striking a member of the company, or violation of Safety Regulations or Authenticity Guidelines. Any infractions of the by-laws shall be reported through the chain of command.
- Minor offense may be dealt with at the discretion of the officer on duty (i.e. loss of privileges or rank).
- Major or chronic offenses (serious enough to warrant possible expulsion) may be referred to a court martial.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

- Each January a meeting will be held as announced by the Unit Commander. The primary purpose of this meeting is the election of unit officers and the establishment of events for the unit's participation for the year.
- Monthly meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month.

- Additional meetings can be called at any time by the Unit Commander or any other member wishing to conduct Vernon Greys business as long as sufficient notice is given to all members and it is agreed on by the members.

ARTICLE VI. EQUIPMENT

- Each member of the company is responsible for his/her own equipment. For a soldier, this consists of the following articles: dark blue 4 button sack coat, sky blue trousers with suspenders, period shirt, belt with US buckle, cap pouch, cartridge box with strap and US boxplate, US breast plate, haversack, canteen, brogans, and a cap of your choosing- kepi, forage, or slouch hat. For a Militia, this consists of period correct clothing and any of the above equipment for a soldier deemed needed.
- A 3-band musket (Springfield or Enfield) with bayonet and frog or any period correct weapon that a militiaman may have carried.
- Optional equipment include: mess equipment, tent of white canvas, wooden chest for personal items, knapsack, knife, wash basin, chairs, camping gear, and campfire cooking utensils. Any items to change your look (galvanize) into a Union soldier or Militiaman.
- Any borrowed item must be returned to its owner in the same condition it was received. If it is damaged or lost, the borrower is responsible for its repair/replacement.
- New and used items may be purchased from event sutlers, over the internet, or hand made by others.

ARTICLE VII. NON-PERIOD PARAPHERNALIA

- Paraphernalia and personal belongings not appropriate to the period being represented at an event (commonly referred to as "FARB") will be maintained out of sight of the public during the hours when the public is permitted in an encampment.
- It is recommended that all members attempt to limit FARB in the encampment at all times, even when the camp is closed to the public, in an effort to maintain the overall impression and experience of the period for all members.

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTED POSITIONS

- Offices will be elected at the annual unit meeting in January.
- Officers in the Vernon Greys will consist of the following
 - The position of Unit Commander will be held by an Individual of good standing, no younger than twenty-one (21) years of age. He/she both must have a minimum of two (2) years active membership.
 - The position of Captain will be held by an Individual of good standing, no younger than twenty-one (21) years of age. He/she both must have a minimum of two (2) years active membership. In the absence of the Unit Commander, he/she will command respectively in succession.
 - The position of 1st Lieutenant will be held by an Individual of good standing, no younger than twenty-one (21) years of age. He/she both must have a minimum of two (2) years active membership. In the absence of the Unit Commander and Captain, he/she will command respectively in succession.
 - The position of 1st Sergeant will be held by an Individual of good standing and no younger than eighteen (18) years of age. He/she must have a minimum of two years active membership. In the absence of the Unit Commander, Captain, and 1st Lieutenant, he/she will command respectively in succession.
 - The position of the Ordnance Sergeant will be held by an Individual of good standing and no younger than eighteen (18) years of age. He/she will be responsible for all safety related matters.
 - The position of Sergeant will be held by an Individual of good standing and no younger than eighteen (18) years of age. He/she must have a minimum of two years active membership. In the absence of the Unit Commander, the 1st Lieutenant, and 1st Sergeant, he/she will command respectively in succession.

- The position of the Corporal will be held by an Individual of good standing and no younger than eighteen (18) years of age. He/she will be responsible for all safety related matters.
- The position of the Private will be held by an Individual of good standing. He/she will be responsible for all safety related matters.

ARTICLE IX. SAFETY

- The unit will follow the rules and regulations set forth by event sponsors. It is the duty of all members to watch for safety violations and bring them to the attention of the commanding officer immediately.
- Any person observing what he/she perceives as a life threatening danger has the authority to call a halt to ongoing activities until that danger has been removed.
- No person will be allowed to handle a firearm in a battle scenario unless he/she has been instructed in the proper and safe handling of said weapon by a Field Officer/Ordinance Sergeant or their appointed representative.
- A member must be at least 16 years of age to carry a black powder firearm. Young adults between the ages of 16 and 18 years of age will not be allowed to carry edged weapons (swords, knives, etc.)
- Young adults between the ages of 16 and 18 years of age will require a Parental Consent form to attend events and to carry a black powder firearm.

ARTICLE X. INSURANCE

- It is the responsibility of each member to provide his/her own insurance coverage.
- The Vernon Greys Militia will not assume responsibility in event of accidents or death incurred while member is participating with the Vernon Militia.

ARTICLE XI. REVISIONS

- These Bylaws establish the principles by which this organization will govern its activities.
- Proposed amendments or changes to these Bylaws must be presented in writing to the membership at a scheduled meeting. All members must receive a two-week advance notice in writing of the subject of the amendment or change. Such notice will include a brief agenda and/or outline of proposed amendments or changes to the Bylaws or of changes to be adopted. A two-thirds majority vote of members present is required for adoption of any changes.

Accepted on this _____ day of _____, 2009.

BYLAW REVISIONS -- JANUARY 19, 2010:

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

- A minimum of four (4) general membership meetings shall be held within any calendar year. More meetings may be held if deemed necessary. A meeting held at an event constitutes one of the four required meetings.
- The annual meeting of the organization, at which elections are held and consideration and approval of the year's activity schedule is made, shall be held each January. This meeting constitutes one of the four required meetings.
- Meetings may be held on any day convenient for the unit.

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTED POSITIONS

- Offices will be elected at the annual unit meeting in January to serve for a period of two years.

Revisions accepted on this _____ day of _____, 2010.