

VETERAN CORPS OF ARTILLERY
State of New York

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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ARTICLE I
GENERAL

These Regulations for the governance of the Veteran Corps of Artillery of the State of New York (the “VCASNY” or the “VCA” or the “Corps”) (also to be known as the “Ninth New York Field Artillery Regiment” or the “Ninth Regiment, New York Field Artillery,” and which may be abbreviated as the “Ninth Field Artillery” [the “9th FA”]) are made in conformance with the statutes of the United States and of the State of New York and in accordance with the ancient privileges of the Corps.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Classes of Membership

A. *Military Society of the War of 1812 Members.* Persons lineally descended from a veteran of the War of 1812. In case there is no lineal descendant one person, in the nearest collateral line, may be admitted, to be designated by the Council of Administration. In such case no other collateral descendant from the same veteran shall be admitted until the membership of such collateral descendant shall have ceased. Applications for membership in the Military Society of the War of 1812 shall be submitted on a form approved by the Council of Administration and shall be processed in accordance with Article V, Section 2 of these Regulations and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Military Society of the War of 1812. Membership in the Military Society of the War of 1812 does not automatically provide membership in the Veteran Corps of Artillery. A member of the Society who wishes to join the Veteran Corps of Artillery must make a separate application to be a hereditary or enrolled member of the Corps.

B. *Hereditary Members - Veteran Corps of Artillery.* Persons lineally descended from a veteran of the Revolutionary War. In case there is no lineal descendant one person, in the nearest collateral line may be admitted, to be designated by the Council of Administration. In such case no other collateral descendant from the same veteran shall be admitted until the membership of such collateral descendant shall have ceased. Applications for hereditary membership will be submitted on a form approved by the Council of Administration and shall be processed in accordance with Article V, Section 2 of these Regulations.

C. *Enrolled Members - Veteran Corps of Artillery.* Persons who so choose or are not otherwise eligible for membership may be enrolled in the Ninth Field Artillery Regiment, Veteran Corps of Artillery, as regular members. Such persons may also be enrolled as irregular, non-paying, members of the Corps in the event they are musically qualified to, and join, the

Field Music Detachment of the Corps. Applications for enrollment will be processed in accordance with Article V, Section 2 of these regulations.

D. *Honorary Members - Veteran Corps of Artillery.* Persons who, by virtue of their stature as civil or military dignitaries, are deemed by the Commandant to be worthy of honorary admission onto the roll of members of the Corps, and are so designated by the Commandant. Such members remain on such roll solely at the discretion of the Commandant who so designated them or any subsequent Commandant. Such members are non-dues paying, and participate in Corps activities purely at their desire. Except for this paragraph, and the provision set forth in Section 3, Paragraph C (iv), below, nothing else stated in these Rules and Regulations is intended to apply to Honorary Members, notwithstanding their broad use of the terms “member,” “members,” “membership,” or “class of membership.” Honorary Members shall not be confused with Honorary Staff – the latter being a class of former active members of the Corps now in retired status.

E. All members of the Corps, regardless of class of membership, shall be on a par after admission as far as rights to promotion and privileges in the Corps are concerned, except as may be restricted by law, and subject to the conditions for membership set forth hereinbelow in these Rules and Regulations.

Section 2 – General Conditions for Membership (*see*, Appendix B for all membership fee protocols)

- A. The minimum age to apply for membership in the Corps is 18 years of age. The maximum age to apply for membership in the Corps is 65 years of age. Members aged 65 or over may continue in membership, or applicants aged 65 or over may become members, in the status of Associate Member, provided that they have prior federal or state military service.
- B. Notwithstanding the immediately preceding paragraph, the minimum age for membership in the Corps, as members of its Field Music Detachment, is 16 years of age. Field Music Detachment members are irregular, non-paying, members of the Corps until such time as they may enroll in the Corps as regular members. Enrollment as regular members does not exclude members from serving as members of the Field Music Detachment.
- C. All candidates for membership must be citizens of the United States.
- D. All members of the Corps, regardless of class of membership, are considered active members until such time as they retire, relocate to a distance rendering them unable to participate in Corps activities, become disabled, deceased, or are discharged.
- E. Any member of the Corps who is not an active participant in the activities of the Corps, including but not limited to attendance at drills and participation in missions, will be transferred to the Reserve Unit. A member’s physical distance from Corps activities will be deemed irrelevant to the provision contained in this paragraph.
- F. In the event that a member of the Corps becomes incapacitated or infirm due to age or illness (i.e., heart attack, stroke, etc.), and is deemed by the Commandant to be unable to

fulfill the requirements of military appearance and fitness for service in the Corps (*see also*, Appendix C hereto), said member will be medically discharged from active status and assigned to the Reserve Unit.

- G. All new members will submit to a fingerprinted background check submitted through the Ordnance Officer within the context of a National Rifle Association firearms safety and licensing course. Any member whose said background check will uncover a history of criminal activity may be subject to immediate general discharge, at the Commandant's discretion.
- H. Any member of the Corps must possess either a valid and current Driver's License with photograph thereon, or other state-issued valid and current identification card.
- I. The Veteran Corps of Artillery is a military organization requiring proactive participation by all its members in its training drills, operational missions, and organizational functions. In addition to the requisite drill attendance, as set forth in these Rules and Regulations, and a demonstrated level of true commitment to its operational missions, participation in certain annual organizational functions is mandatory for all members. Those functions are: (1) The Mess Dinner; (2) The Operational Season Opening Cocktail Gathering; (2) The Veterans' Day Memorial Service; and (4) The Independence Day Firing Mission and Luncheon. Failure to so participate may result in removal from the active roster. Any enlisted personnel failing to comply with this requirement may be discharged. Any officer personnel failing to comply with this requirement may be transferred to the Reserve Battery. Moreover, participation will be in appropriate uniform for each respective function, as delineated by these Rules and Regulations and/or as directed by the Commandant in advance of each such function, in any given year, for consideration of promotion and/or other awards. Any member who asserts an inability to be in proper uniform for the foregoing functions must notify the Commandant and explain such inability to the satisfaction of the Commandant in order to secure permission from the Commandant to participate in the foregoing functions out of proper uniform. Moreover, personnel unable to muster to attend any Corps drill, training class, or other Corps event or function, will make their absence known in advance of same: to the Chief of Staff, in the case of officers; and to the First Sergeant, in the case of enlisted soldiers.
- J. All new members must possess the Parade Dress Coatee within ninety days of enrollment. All new members must possess all elements of the full Parade Dress Uniform within 6 months of enrollment. All new members must possess the Class C Uniform (VCA modified ACU) within 30 days of enrollment. Cannoneers and Associate Members may only wear the Corps Blazer and Tie Uniform (with Corps beret) or, where appropriate (such as during marksmanship exercises), the Corps Class C Uniform.
- K. All new members will be on a one-year probationary status. Within thirty days from submission of their applications, applicants or members must submit completed medical forms, as provided in the Enrollment Packet, to the Surgeon. Failure to do so will result in denial of application or dismissal from membership, as a breach of military discipline.

- L. Members who, by virtue of distance, cannot participate regularly in Corps activities, are required to purchase a Life Membership in the Corps, to include applicants of Hereditary descent not intending to drill regularly in the Corps. Life Membership fees will be deposited into a mutual fund or similar-type investment account for the benefit of the Veteran Corps of Artillery of the State of New York, overseen by the Paymaster. Sixty percent (60 %) drill attendance is required annually to remain active in good standing. Otherwise, Life Membership in the Corps is available to all members, in accord with the fee schedule prescribed in Appendix B hereto.
- M. Cannoneer status: Non-citizens of the United States may be considered for membership, at the Commandant's discretion, at the position of Cannoneer, provided that such candidate had prior service as a commissioned officer or senior non-commissioned officer in the military forces of any NATO member nation or other sovereign nation that is allied or friendly to the United States, and that was such a nation during the tenure of such prior service.

Section 3 – Retirement to the VCA Retired Reserve

- A. Mandatory retirement for all classes of membership obtains at age 75. Voluntary retirement for members in good standing with 10 years active duty in the Corps, or for members in good standing with a disability, is available.
- B. Retirees in good standing at the rank of Major and above may be selected to be retired to the Honorary Staff. Retirees in good standing at the rank of Captain and below are to be retired to Battery G. All retirees, regardless, are assigned to the VCA Retired Reserve. Members who are not in good standing may be assigned to the Unassigned Pool until such time as they may be discharged.
- C. Notwithstanding anything contained in Article VIII hereinbelow (Uniform Regulations), members of the Honorary Staff or Battery G will conform to the following uniform regulations (*see, generally*, Appendix C for further uniform guidance):
 - (i) The Corps Mess Dress Uniform (Parade Coatee) may be worn at the annual Mess Dinner and at similar-type dress military functions only, of the Corps. Otherwise, and only by leave of the Commandant, said uniform may be worn at other military or patriotic functions. In the absence of the VCA mess dress uniform, civilian black tie is the only other acceptable bill of dress (i.e., for new members, honorary staff, or Battery G members no longer in possession of their VCA Parade Coat).
 - (ii) The Army Service Uniform (ASU) Dress Blues (or the optional Class B Uniform in the summer months) will be worn in place of the Corps Parade Dress Uniform. The Class C Uniform (ACU) is prohibited, but the Corps Blazer and Tie Uniform (with Corps beret) may be worn in their stead.

- (iii) The Army Combat Uniform (ACU) will not be worn by members once they have transferred to the Retired Reserve of the VCA. Retired Reserve personnel who wish to participate in small arms firing with the consent of the Ordinance Officer will wear suitable clothing for such activity.
 - (iv) The uniform for the annual mess dinner for all members of the Corps, both active and retired (honorary staff or Battery G) is Corps mess dress or civilian black tie with miniature medals. Members of the VCA currently serving or retired from the U.S. Military, either active guard or reserve, to include the NYG, NYNM, CAP, or USCGAUX, will not appear in any other bill of dress, as stated above. Honorary members are exempt from this requirement.
- D. Retired personnel in good standing will be eligible to receive a Retirement Award upon the event of retirement. Retired personnel will no longer be eligible to receive any other Corps award or Corps-sponsored award (such as any of the categories of the Order of Saint Barbara Award), except that, retired personnel may be eligible for the Long and Faithful Service Award, at the Commandant's discretion, if, and only if, they demonstrate continued affirmative support, to the extent authorized for retirees, of the goals, mission, and values of the VCA, during their retirement, for increments of time equal to the increments of time ordinarily applicable to active members of the VCA toward attainment of said award.
- E. Commissioned officers, upon retirement and incidental re-assignment to the Honorary Staff or Battery G, may be promoted one grade, upon approval of the Board of Officers and with the approval of the Council of Administration of the Military Society of the War of 1812. Such members cannot be promoted beyond their initially breveted ranks, and no other retired member can be promoted. Brevet promotions to the rank of Brigadier General are reserved for past or retiring Commandants or past or retiring VCA officers holding the office of President of the Council of Administration of the Military Society of the War of 1812. Brevet promotions to the rank of Colonel are reserved for past or retiring Vice Commandants, Chiefs of Staff, Adjutants, and Quartermasters. No other retiring officer may be promoted beyond the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Recommendations for Board of Officer and Council of Administration approval for brevet promotions lie within the sole discretion of the Commandant, who will reserve any such recommendations for retiring officers who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication as members of the Corps Senior Staff.
- F. Retired officers who return to active status in the Corps will revert to their active duty non-brevetted ranks, held immediately prior to their transfer to retired and/or honorary staff and/or brevetted status.

ARTICLE III DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1 - Each person admitted to the Corps shall subscribe to the Rules and Regulations of the Veteran Corps of Artillery of the State of New York, a copy of which will be furnished by the Adjutant and signed for by the member.

Section 2 - Every member of the Corps shall sign the Enrollment Blank of the Corps.

Section 3 - Persons when enrolled shall be entitled to wear the uniform of the Corps on occasions of ceremony and other legal formations and to attend drills, parades, etc., in which the Corps may participate.

Section 4 - Every person enrolled in the 9th FA of the VCA must obtain (at the member's own expense) uniforms, arms, and equipment in accordance with the "Bill of Dress of the Corps," except as may be issued by the Quartermaster or the Ordnance Officer.

Section 5 - Each person shall be responsible for the condition, proper upkeep, and appearance of their uniform, arms and equipment.

Section 6 - It is the required duty of every person enrolled in the 9th FA, VCA to participate in weekly drills in uniform and other such formations when ordered, during the drill season.

Section 7 - Persons, referred to above, may obtain leave or absence, to be excused from any drill or formation by special permission granted by the Commandant, Vice Commandant, Adjutant or immediate commanding officer.

Section 8 - Any person failing to perform in each year such duties the 9th FA has been required by law or orders to perform, unless such absences have been covered by leave, special excuse, or otherwise, may be transferred from the 9th FA to the Reserve Unit, VCA at the discretion of the Commandant. The only recourse from this ruling is by vote of the Board of Officers.

Section 9 - Any person may apply for discharge at any time by a written request to the Commandant of the Corps, and shall be entitled to receive the same, provided such person is at the time of application in good standing and current dues are paid.

Section 10 - Any person who shall neglect to pay dues or other Corps indebtedness for which such person is liable and is in arrears for more than one year, together with the amount due, shall be posted by the Paymaster on the VCA website. If the indebtedness is not paid within one year, the member is liable to be suspended from the Corps. If the indebtedness is not paid within two years, the member will be discharged for non-payment of dues. Any member discharged for non-payment of dues must purchase Life Membership in the Corps in order to be eligible for reinstatement.

Section 11 - Regular weekly drills shall be held on Tuesdays at 1815 hours during the drill season October to July 4th.

Section 12 - A drill may be cancelled by the Commandant, or in the Commandant's absence, by the Vice Commandant, and special drills may be ordered when necessary.

Section 13 - No person shall use the name, arms, crest, or device of the Corps, or the initial letter V.C.A. or 9th FA by which the Corps is known for any business not connected with the Corps. Also the Roster of the Corps may not be used in any manner for soliciting or advertising purposes whatsoever without the approval of the Council of Administration. Moreover, no member of the Corps shall use his or her rank or grade in the Corps in connection with any public or private interaction or communication with any person, service, or organization, outside the confines of the Corps, unless he or she is doing so as a designee of the Commandant in representation of the Corps. Nor shall any member of the Corps represent him or herself as a member of any other service other than as a member of the Corps, unless he or she is, indeed, a member of such other service, and, in such case, said member may only represent him or herself in accordance with the rank and grade he or she holds in said other service. Violation of the restrictions set forth in the immediately preceding two sentences will be subject to disciplinary action.

Section 14 - No person shall charge any account against the Corps without approval of the Commandant or in the Commandant's absence the Vice Commandant or Adjutant, except the Quartermaster in accordance with the authority granted under Article VI, Section 6 of these Rules and Regulations.

Section 15 - It shall be the duty of every person enrolled in the Corps to inform the Adjutant, by written communication, of such person's place of residence and of any change thereof, and of such person's post office address and email address.

Section 16 – Disciplinary Proceedings

- A. A Disciplinary Review Board shall have authority to hear and determine any charge against any member of the Corps, officers, or enlisted member, for conduct unbecoming of a member or for any offense prejudicial to the good order and efficiency of the Corps. Such member shall have an opportunity to be heard and to call witnesses in the member's behalf. The Disciplinary Review Board, after such hearing, and by majority vote, may issue a determination to suspend or dismiss such member from the Corps (subject to the provisions contained in the immediately following paragraph B). However, the Disciplinary Review Board may not conduct such hearing unless due notice thereof has been given to such member at least five business days in advance of the date of the hearing. The Disciplinary Review Board shall consist of the Vice Commandant, Chief of Staff, and Adjutant in the case of hearings involving officers of the Corps; and shall consist of the Vice Commandant, Chief of Staff, and Command Sergeant Major in the case of hearings involving enlisted members of the Corps. Members appearing before the Disciplinary Review Board may have an attorney present to represent them at their own expense.
- B. The Board of Officers, as set forth in Article V, Section 3, shall have authority to sit as an appellate forum in respect of any determination by the Disciplinary Review Board to suspend or dismiss any Corps member from the Corps. Such appeals must be filed within

ten days of the date of the Disciplinary Review Board's determination through the delivery to the Adjutant of a letter requesting the Board of Officers to commence appellate proceedings. If that time frame is not complied with, then the Disciplinary Review Board's determination is deemed a final determination, subject only to the approval of the Commandant in the case of suspension and the approvals of the Commandant and Council of Administration in the case of dismissal. The Board of Officers, after such hearing, by majority vote of those present, may affirm the Disciplinary Review Board's determination to suspend or dismiss the appellant Corps member from the Corps. However, the Board of Officers may not conduct such appellate proceedings unless due notice thereof has been given to such member at least five business days in advance of the date of the proceedings. Five members of the Board of Officers shall constitute a quorum. Appellate decisions of the Board of Officers must be approved by the Commandant in the case of suspension and by the Commandant and Council of Administration in the case of dismissal. Members appearing before the Board of Officers in connection with said appeals may have an attorney present to represent them at their own expense.

- C. Notwithstanding anything contained in the immediately preceding paragraphs A and B, the Commandant has the authority to suspend any Corps member for conduct unbecoming or any breach of military discipline, for up to thirty days. Further suspension requires proceedings consistent with immediately preceding paragraphs A and B.
- D. The Commandant is authorized to replace any member of the Disciplinary Review Board or of the Board of Officers acting as the Disciplinary Review Board appellate panel, or the Corps Staff Judge Advocate acting as prosecutor before said Boards, with any other Field Grade Officer of the Corps in good standing, upon the event of factual or legal incapacity or inability of any such Board member or Staff Judge Advocate to serve on or before such Boards (non-exclusive examples of same would be such Board member or Staff Judge Advocate's inability to participate due to illness or earnest scheduling conflict, or incapacity to participate due to a conflict of interest).

Section 17 - Service of any notice under the regulations of the Corps upon any person thereof, addressed to him at such person's last recorded place of residence or post office address, and mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, shall be deemed sufficient service of such notice.

Section 18 – The Veteran Corps of Artillery is a self-funded organization. Accordingly, it cannot bear the sole economic burden of sustaining itself and its ongoing operations without funding from outside organizations requesting its services. Consequently, outside organizations requesting the services of the Corps at ceremonial or other events and functions, that are not part of the federal and state military forces of the United States, must remit to the Paymaster the following fees as a condition to such services (provided that the Corps grants said request for services): \$500.00 for Color Guard service; \$250.00 for Field Music service; \$1,100.00 for Firing Battery service. Those categories of fees are independent of one another. (*See*, Appendix D for the official form “Letter of Request for Veteran Corps of Artillery Service,” for submission to the Veteran Corps of Artillery of the State of New York by outside organizations.) Any such

requests by such outside organizations must be made no later than sixty days prior to the event that is the subject of such request.

Section 19 – Members of the Corps who have or are found to have been convicted of any crime may be discharged from the Corps for cause. Members of the Corps who have or are found to have been convicted of a Felony will be discharged from the Corps for cause. A Board of Officers will be convened to determine type of discharge or to offer the member the opportunity to resign. Any member who knowingly conceals knowledge of a Corps member or applicant to have been convicted of any crime will likewise be discharged from the Corps.

Section 20 - Time in Grade for Promotion is governed by Appendix A hereto. All new members of the Corps will be enlisted as Privates (E-1). However, personnel with prior Military experience may be appointed to a higher enlisted grade of rank or Warrant Officer position by the Commandant with the approval of the Board of Officers when deemed necessary to fill vacancies in critical positions.

Section 21 - New members, upon enlistment as a Private in the Veteran Corps of Artillery, may be nominated by the Commandant for a commission with the approval of the Board of Officers and consent of the Council of Administration in order to fill a vacant or critical staff position. The following criteria must be met for consideration:

- (1) the individual has prior service as a Commissioned or Warrant Officer in the Military Forces of the United States or the State of New York; and
- (2) the individual possess unique skills or occupational specialties which would otherwise qualify the individual for a commission in the U.S. Military (such as Physicians, Lawyers, or Clergy), or individuals who are members or prior members of civil law enforcement agencies.

Section 22 - All members will conform to: (1) the proper wearing of VCA uniforms; (2) the requirements for height and weight as outlined in New York Guard Directive 1308; and (3) to the Army grooming standards for hair length and facial hair as found in AR 670-1.

Section 23 - The Ninth New York Field Artillery Regiment, also known as the Ninth Regiment, New York Field Artillery, and which may be abbreviated as the Ninth Field Artillery. This is the active unit of the Veteran Corps of Artillery the State of New York. Personnel enlisted into the Regiment will be assigned to one of three Battalions. Members are required to maintain a minimum of 60% attendance at drill and Corps functions each year to remain in good standing and to be eligible for promotion and advancement. In case of failure to maintain the attendance requirement, the member will be transferred to the Unassigned Pool. In case of continued failure to maintain the attendance requirement for six months within the Unassigned Pool, the member will transferred to the Reserve Unit.

Members with less than five consecutive years of minimum annual attendance will be required to purchase life membership in order to remain a member of the Corps. Corps members on active duty or special job or health related circumstances will be dealt with on a case by case basis by the Commandant.

Section 24 - The Reserve Unit. The Reserve Unit will consist of Corps members residing outside of commuting distance and/or not regularly attending drills.

Section 25 - The VCA Retired Reserve. The VCA Retired Reserve will consist of Corps members who have voluntarily retired after ten years service or have reached the mandatory retirement age of seventy-five (75). The VCA Retired Reserve consists of the Honorary Staff and Battery G.

ARTICLE IV COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

The Council of Administration shall exercise general governance of the Corps and its civil associate, the Military Society of the War of 1812, in accordance with Laws of 1895 as amended. The Council shall consist of not less than twelve nor more than sixteen members, dividing themselves into four classes whose terms as such expire respectively with the next four annual meetings.

ARTICLE V BOARDS

Section 1 - The Council of Administration shall appoint Boards after considering recommendations of the Commandant.

Section 2 - The Membership Board will interview personally every applicant, who must be presented by the proposer or seconder. Sponsors must bring applicants to at least two regular drills of the Corps prior to consideration of the applicant by the Membership Board. It shall be the duty of the Board to investigate carefully and thoroughly the character of the applicant and approve or reject such person's application for enlistment.

Every application for enlistment shall be processed as follows:

- (a) The name of the applicant, with the applicant's sponsor and seconder, will be posted to the VCA Website by the Adjutant for at least two weeks before the date of the meeting of the Membership Board to consider the application.
- (b) A person objecting to the applicant must immediately communicate with the Secretary of the Board, stating such person's objection in full, which information will be kept confidential. The Board retains the right to request the person objecting to appear before it at a closed meeting.
- (c) If the decision is unfavorable, or if the applicant is withdrawn, the candidate shall not be considered again within six months after the date of such rejection or withdrawal.

Section 3 - The Board of Officers consists of the following: Commandant, Vice Commandant, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Paymaster, Commissary, and Surgeon.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1 - The Officers of the Corps shall consist of the following and such other positions as are required by current Tables of Organization and Equipment for an Artillery Group or similar unit of the United States Army.

Section 2 - The Commandant. The Commandant is the Commanding Officer of the Corps. As such, he shall maintain the highest standard of discipline and efficiency in the Corps; shall order drills as often as he shall deem necessary; and shall exercise all the prerogatives of a Commanding Officer not inconsistent with these regulations.

The Commandant shall preside at all meetings of the Corps, and if the Commandant is a member of the Military Society of the War of 1812, of the Council of Administration.

If the Commandant is a member of the Military Society of the War of 1812, the Commandant shall have the power to convene the Council of Administration, and appoint the place of such meeting when called by the Commandant.

This Officer is chosen because of certain qualifications which are regarded by the Corps as necessary to the conduct of his responsibilities of Commandant of the Corps. The Commandant should have knowledge of the military history and traditions of the Corps in addition to the requisite military experience. The Commandant should realize that to be Commandant of this ancient Artillery Corps is one of the highest honors, and the Commandant must do his utmost to keep active and virile the life of the unit, realizing that to be Commandant is but to be custodian for a little while of this oldest military unit in the State of New York. The Commandant should never relax from eternal vigilance and during his term of duty and afterward do his utmost to carry on the ancient traditions. The Commandant serves at the rank of Colonel.

The Commandant is authorized to issue and publish, or cause to be issued and published, Directives, from time to time as he/she deems necessary for the smooth and effective administration of Corps affairs and governance, and for the proper military bearing of members of the Corps, and for the general welfare of the Corps. Such Directives will be supplemental to, and in furtherance of the policies inherent in, these Rules and Regulations.

Section 3 - The Vice Commandant. The Vice Commandant is the Deputy Commander or Executive Officer of the Corps. The Vice Commandant serves at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Section 4 - The Brigade Major or Chief of Staff. The Brigade Major is authorized by law to assume the several duties of the Secretary (ex-officio) of the Society of the War of 1812, also, the Recorder of the Council of Administration, and of the Board of Officers of the Corps if the Adjutant is unavailable, under Section 17, Chapter 513, of the Laws of 1913, and any oath required by this Act, or the Acts to which this Act is amendatory, may be administered by him as an Officer of said Corps.

- (i) The Brigade Major or Chief of Staff serves at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Section 5 - The Adjutant. The Adjutant shall perform such military duties as normally associated with this position and may also act as Secretary (ex-officio) to the Military Society of the War of 1812. The Adjutant's authorized grade of rank is Major.

Section 6 - The Quartermaster. The Quartermaster shall have charge of the military property of the Corps, except Ordnance, with authority:

- (a) To supervise the purchase and issue of uniforms and equipment in accordance with the "Bill of Dress of the Corps," and to cause same to be kept in good condition.

- (b) To make such rules as to the disposition of the uniforms and equipment as may be deemed proper, provided, however, that such control and rules shall not abridge any of the duties of the Ordnance Officer in relation to military property in such officer's care.

- (c) To make a written report in detail of all property and its condition that is in such officer's custody as of the end of the fiscal year to the Adjutant General of the State. The Quartermaster's authorized grade of rank is Major.

Section 7 - The Paymaster. The Paymaster shall have charge of all funds of the Corps, shall receive all moneys paid as yearly dues or otherwise, and shall deposit said moneys in a bank designated by the Council of Administration. All checks against funds shall be signed by the Paymaster, after being approved by the Commandant of the Corps. The Paymaster's authorized grade of rank is Captain.

Section 8 - The Commissary. The Commissary Officer is the Mess Officer. The Commissary's authorized grade of rank is Captain.

Section 9 - The Surgeon. The Surgeon while on duty shall be charged with care of the health of the Corps. The Surgeon's authorized grade of rank is Major.

Section 10 - The Chaplain. The Chaplain shall be an ordained clergyman, and it shall be the Chaplain's duty to open and close all meetings of the Council of Administration, with customary chaplaincy services, and perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to such position. The Chaplain's authorized grade of rank is Major.

- (a) The Commandant is authorized to accept into the Corps such Assistant Chaplains as he, in his discretion, deems fit and beneficial for service in the Corps, who shall be ordained clergymen, and at such ranks of entry as he shall determine, not to exceed the rank of entry of First Lieutenant, and promotable, in accord with Appendix A, to a highest rank of Captain.

Section 11 - The Ordnance Officer. The Ordnance Officer shall have charge of all ordnance property of the Corps. The Ordnance Officer's authorized grade of rank is Captain.

The Ordnance Officer will be responsible to:

- (a) Operate the range in accordance with approved safety methods.

- (b) Provide individual instruction on the range and by classroom lectures.
- (c) Organize and coordinate intra and inter-service matches.
- (d) Maintain weapons, ammunition, targets and other necessary supplies and material, while keeping proper inventory records.
- (e) Issue all ordnance property, causing same to be kept in good condition, and maintaining proper records of issue.
- (f) Render a report, at the close of every drill season, to the Commandant, of the men who qualify for the various marksmanship classes and medals.
- (g) Prepare the annual ordnance report at the end of the fiscal year to the Adjutant General of the State.

Section 12 - Officers serving on the Board of Officers/Senior Staff may receive a waiver for promotion to the next higher grade not to exceed the rank of Major, provided they have served in their positions longer than five years. The Adjutant may receive a waiver for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, provided the same time requirements are fulfilled. Any officer serving on the Board of Officers/Senior Staff on 04 July 2013 in a grade of rank senior to the above prescribed authorized grades of rank, is deemed grandfathered into his/her grade of rank held on 04 July 2013 and may retain such grade until such time as such officer is either promoted, discharged or retired to the VCA Retired Reserve.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section 1 - The Veteran Corps of Artillery, in conjunction with the Military Society of the War of 1812, shall hold an Annual Meeting in the State of New York on the Saturday evening closest to the eighth day of January in every year, and unless the hour and place of such meeting shall have been fixed by the Council of Administration, the Commandant shall designate such hour and place. The annual meeting shall be for the transaction of general business of the Corps.

Section 2 - The Veteran Corps of Artillery may also hold Regular Meetings at such times, dates and places in the State of New York as may be designated by the Council of Administration or the Commandant, which may include at regular weekly drills.

Section 3 - One week's notice of time and place of Annual or Regular shall be given by the Adjutant, by mailing through the United States Post Office in the city of New York, by a written or printed notice to every member.

ARTICLE VIII UNIFORM REGULATIONS

Section 1 - The uniform of the Corps shall be the "Bill of Dress" as prescribed from time to time by the Council of Administration, and shall consist of Parade Dress; Evening Dress; Class A

Service; Class B Service; Class C Army Combat Uniform; and such modifications thereof as the Commandant may prescribe for special cases. The Bill of Dress for the annual Mess Dinner prescribed for all members of the Corps – active, inactive, or retired – will be the Corps Evening Dress Uniform (Parade Coatee with red shoulder boards and with miniature medals and badges) or civilian black tie attire (with, optionally, miniature medals and badges), to exclude any other attire, whether military or civilian.

Section 2 – When wearing Parade Dress, the black trousers (with red stripe) will be the winter wear trousers, and will be worn from the first day of December through the last day of the following February. When wearing Parade Dress, the white trousers will be the summer wear trousers, and will be worn from the first day of March through the last day of November in any given year, except at ceremonial or formal gatherings occurring after retreat (1800 hrs.), in which case the black trousers (with red stripe) will be worn. When wearing Evening Dress, only the black trousers (with red stripe) will be worn.

Section 3 - Except as hereinafter provided, all officers and members of the Corps shall comply strictly with the designs, materials, colors and other specifications of the uniform as herein published, and shall not vary the same by the omission of details required, by the addition of ornaments and embellishments not specified, nor by noticeable modifications of the style, cut or general appearance.

Section 4 - This article shall be read and applied as qualified by any uniform restriction contained in Article II hereinabove (Membership).

ARTICLE IX PROCEDURES

Section 1 - Commissions. The Council of Administration has the power to commission, as an officer of the Corps, any person provided the person shall be an actual member in good standing, and a citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years and upward, and pass a satisfactory examination before the Board of Officers of the Corps. (Chapter 350, Sec. 13, Laws of 1907, State of New York) (Resolution of 1953 — see Appendix)

Section 2 - Reports. Within a reasonable time after the Annual Meeting in every year, reports of the Corps shall be filed in the office of the Adjutant General of this State, containing a roster of the members and their respective residences, and certifying the Offices and the members of the Council of Administration chosen or appointed for the current year, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91, Sec. 4, Laws of 1895, New York State.

ARTICLE X RULES AND PROCEDURES

Section 1 - These Regulations shall supersede all prior Rules, Regulations and Resolutions inconsistent therewith. All actions previous taken by the Council of Administration which are not inconsistent with these Regulations are hereby ratified and confirmed. Subjects not covered by these Regulations, or by statute, shall be governed by the customs of the military service and by the ancient privileges of the Corps.

Section 2 - These Rules and Regulations, except where stipulated by law, may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the members present at a stated Annual or Regular meeting, of which at least two weeks notice, in writing, of the proposed amendment shall have been given, provided the amendment has first been ratified by the Council of Administration of the Corps.

Approved by the Board of Officers of the Veteran Corps of Artillery on 26 November 2013; Ratified and Passed by the Council of Administration of the Military Society of the War of 1812 on 10 December 2013; Adopted by the Membership of the Veteran Corps of Artillery on 07 January 2014; and made effective as first published on 08 January 2014.

VETERAN CORPS OF ARTILLERY, S.N.Y.

Bill of Dress

FULL PARADE DRESS

Shako with plume and chin strap
Full dress coat
Black dress trousers with stripe
White duck trousers when ordered
Black silk stock
Artillery red cotton or wool sash
White web cross belt
Brass eagle breast plate
Black shoes
Black socks
White cotton or nylon gloves
White collaret or high white waistcoat
Saber, black scabbard
Authorized medals and badges.

FOR OFFICERS — ADDITIONAL

Epaulettes
Baldrick, complete with trimmings and cartouche
Red silk sash
Black leather waist belt and saber slings
Gold saber knot
Aiguillettes by those authorized to wear them
Spurs (optional)

EVENING DRESS

Parade Dress coat worn open

Red evening waistcoat with V.C.A. buttons (for officers) or Artillery red cummerbund (for EP)
(by leave of the Commandant, white evening waistcoat with V.C.A. buttons may replace the
red evening waistcoat. In such case, the white evening dress shirt, starched stiff, will be
worn)

Black dress trousers with stripe

Bat wing collar

Dress Tie of Black (unless white evening waistcoat is authorized)

Cape with Red lining - optional

Miniature Medals and Approved Insignia by those entitled to wear them

Shoulder Boards - with Rank Insignia and Miniature VCA Insignia - Officers only

SERVICE DRESS CLASS A

Service cap or beret, as follows:

Army Service cap (for officers only) with VCA cap badge

Black Beret with VCA Flash. Officers wear insignia of rank (Bright) on Flash. Enlisted wear
VCA DUI (Large Crest) on Flash

Blouse – Army ASU coat

Trousers – Army ASU trousers

Shirt - Army white collar shirt for ASU

V.C.A. Nameplate - black with white letters

Necktie - black

Shoes and socks - black

Web waist belt - black with bright brass buckle and tip

Insignia as prescribed - officers and men

Ribbons for those entitled to wear them

Badges - Marksmanship Badges of the VCA and other authorized badges

Items worn on uniform

Headgear insignia

NY insignia on collar

Insignia grade on shoulder straps, red field

Insignia of branch on lapels

Aiguillette, service or dress

Nameplate

Decorations - full size or miniature or ribbons

Medals, service, full size or ribbons

Unit awards

Fourragere

Badges, identification, marksmanship, combat

Special skills, full size, miniature or dress miniature

How worn - with bow tie - it constitutes a formal uniform and corresponds with a tuxedo - wear
miniature medals, no nameplate - usually worn after 1800 with four-in-hand tie it is an
informal uniform - wear ribbons, badges - usually worn before 1800

**SERVICE DRESS
CLASS B**

Black Beret with VCA Flash. Officers wear insignia of rank (Bright) on Flash. Enlisted wear VCA DUI (Large Crest) on Flash
Shirt – Army white collar shirt for ASU short or long sleeves with black shoulder marks
Trousers - Army ASU trousers
Web waist belt - black with bright brass buckle and tip
Shoes and socks – black

**ARMY COMBAT UNIFORM
CLASS C**

Cap – Army ACU patrol cap, or VCA beret when authorized by the Commandant.
Shirt – Army ACU teeshirt worn under Army ACU blouse
Trousers – Army ACU trousers (with blousers or tucked into boot or self-tied at top of boot per Army uniform regulations)
belt – tan or green ACU belt
Tan boot (Army ACU boots) with black or green or tan socks
Cloth nameplate worn over right breast pocket (subdued)
Cloth nameplate VCASNY worn over left breast pocket (subdued)
Field Jacket (Fall, Winter, Spring) ACU pattern
Gloves - black or green
Rank and insignia to be worn on blouse and field jacket as prescribed in the regulations of the V.C.A. Officer and men (subdued).

SPECIAL EVENING DRESS (OPTIONAL)

U.S. Army Regulation Mess Dress with VCA shoulder boards. VCA buttons and black tie.

FOR OFFICERS - ADDITIONAL

Dress service cap with red and gold trimming and VCA cap badge
Aiguillettes by those entitled to wear them

SUMMER EVENING DRESS (OPTIONAL)

White Mess Jacket
Black Dress Trousers
White Tuxedo Shirt with Turn down Collar
Dress Tie of Black Silk
Black Cummerbund (Officers) Red Cummerbund (Enlisted) Shoulder Boards (Officers)
Shoulder Knots (Red) - Enlisted only
Enlisted Bright Insignia of Rank on lower Sleeves
Black Dress Shoes and Socks

INSIGNIA

All Applications for Insignia must be made through the Office of the Quartermaster, accompanied by a check covering the cost thereof. Information regarding costs of all insignia is available from the Quartermaster and will be mailed periodically to the membership.

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

For uniform and equipment, consult the Quartermaster.

WEARING OF MEDALS

Full sized medals: Full sized medals to which the user is entitled may be worn on the VCA Parade Dress or Dress Blue Uniform. Medals should be in correct order (i.e. U.S., foreign; Army Navy Union; NY State; NY Guard; VCA medals, other States; then other authorized medals), no more than five on a bar, all should be neatly aligned. Fewer medals should be worn over three, i.e. two medals over three and never the reverse i.e. four medals over three. Training and service ribbons will not be worn with the full size medals.

Neck Insignia, Broad Ribands, Sashes and Breast Stars: If the user is entitled, they may be worn on VCA Parade Dress, Evening Dress, Dress Blue or White Mess uniforms in accordance with US Army Regulation 670-1.

Miniatures: When worn on Evening Dress, Dress Blues or Dress White uniforms, no more than four miniatures side by side on a bar or eight overlapped are authorized.

Ribbons: When worn on Dress Blue, Class A or Class B uniforms, ribbons should be on bars and centered above the left breast pocket or the top rows shifted to the left as appropriate.

Badges: Not more than three marksmanship badges are to be worn on the flap of the left breast pocket centered just below the upper seam. Drivers' and Marksmanship badges will not be worn with miniature medals. Skill and combat badges will be worn in accordance with US Army Regulation 670-1.

ARTILLERY SERVICE DETACHMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE 08 JANUARY 2014

**STEPHEN J. RYAN
COL FA VCA SNY
COMMANDANT**

**LOUIS L. NOCK
MAJ FA VCA SNY
ADJUTANT**

HISTORY OF THE CORPS AND MILITARY SOCIETY

When the American Revolution ended in 1783 and peace declared, there were problems left undecided on both land and sea, which were bound to be fruitful seeds of another war. British naval vessels continued to lie off the coast to illegally stop and search our vessels and impress our seamen into their service. Garrisons were still retained by the British on the northern frontier.

New York City had been the headquarters of the British forces for seven years during the Revolution. After their departure, many Tories remained and many elected to return. By 1790, a large number of business men and owners of property had, in fact, been British sympathizers. Also returned to the City were many patriot veterans of the late war. For the most part men of modest means, they felt they had sacrificed their lives, their fortunes, and pledged their sacred honor in the cause of American independence. In the words of Dr. George Warren Chapman, commandant of the Veteran Corps of Artillery from 1813 to 1816, and again from 1826 to 1845: "Our former opponents being wealthy and imperious frequently sought occasion to insult our flag and menace our cities; the policy of our government was forbearing and pacific, but the sensitive feelings of the Old Continentals (whose only patrimony was love of country) became indignant; to protect our city from insult an association of Continental exempts, the remnants of a hundred battles, sieges, and skirmishes, organized themselves into an Artillery Corps." This they did on Evacuation Day, November 25, 1790, in a meeting held at the City Arms Tavern, near the corner of Broadway and Thames Street.

These men would soon become a part of the Jeffersonian Democratic Republican party in New York. The Corps had many members in common with the Tammany Society. Thirty eight members of the Veteran Corps of Artillery are known to have been early members of Tammany.

The first record of the Corps on public display is on the 10th Anniversary of Evacuation Day, November 25, 1793, and on Independence Day, July 4, 1794, as attested by Captain Chapman in 1838, as the first occasions on which the Corps fired the "National Morning Salutes, which have been faithfully and timely performed for the past forty-four years."

Until 1807, the Corps was content to parade and fire salutes on Independence Day and Evacuation Day wearing their old Continental uniforms. However, in that year, H.M.S. Leopard attacked U.S.S. Chesapeake, removing from her and impressing into the Royal Navy four American seamen. As a consequence, the Corps was re-organized along more formal lines and on November 6, 1809, it was recognized by Governor Daniel D. Tompkins under the Military Law of March 29, 1809 as an Artillery Corps of Exempts, and was equipped with brass 12-pounders. Its officers, John McLean, Captain-Commandant; Richard Nixon, 1st Lieutenant, and John S. DeLameter, 2nd Lieutenant, were commissioned by brevet.

"Exempt" meant that as the Corps members were all veterans of the Revolution over 45 years of age they were not liable to compulsory militia duty, yet had chosen to perform military service voluntarily.

Previous to this, the Corps, had been recognized by a Federal law of May 8, 1792, which stated, "Whereas sundry Corps of Artillery, cavalry, and infantry now exist in several of the

States, which by the laws, customs, or usages thereof, have not been incorporated with, or subject to, the General Regulations of the Militia: Be it further enacted that such Corps retain their accustomed privileges, subject, nevertheless, to all other duties required by this Act in like manner with the other Militia.” This law has been incorporated by the State of New York on March 9, 1793 in a general revision of the State’s militia law. Captain Chapman refers to these enactments when he states that the Veteran Corps was “regularly commissioned under the State laws of 1794 (sic) and 1809, as an independent veteran corps of heavy artillery; therefore, we are not conscripts of the State of New York, but an independent corps of exempts.”

The Federal law of May 8, 1792 is still in effect (see U. S. Code Title 32 section 104, Historical Notes, “Retention of Ancient Privileges and Organization”) and forms the basis of the Veteran Corps of Artillery’s federal recognition.

Upon the outbreak of the War of 1812, the Corps was the first militia organization in the City to volunteer its service and was assigned, on June 22, 1812, by General Bloomfield of the U.S. Army to the North Fort on Hubert Street, New York City. This brief duty, performed with several companies of the 9th Regiment of Artillery, was followed by target practice at a hulk off the Battery on August 14, 1812, in which it was noted that the Veteran Corps commanded by CPT DeLameter fired several shots from a long nine, which raked the hulk repeatedly.” Another target practice in which the Corps participated was held on November 3, 1813 under the supervision of General Dearborn, who stated that “He observed with peculiar pleasure the Corps of Veterans who, at an advanced period in life evince a determination to be first in the defense of their country and its rights.”

With the burning of Washington in 1814, New York City was completely mobilized and the Veteran Corps, along with 25,000 other militia, was called into service of the United States as a company of the 3rd Regiment of Artillery September 2, 1814 to December 3, 1814, although a V.C.A. detachment was on duty at the State Arsenal as late as January 11, 1815.

After the war the V.C.A. resumed its firing of salutes and participation in parades and other public festivals. However in 1836, with elements of the 1st Brigade of New York State Horse Artillery, under the Command of Brigadier General Henry Arcularis, the Corps travelled to the Plains of Hempstead, Long Island for three days to run a series of tests on the then new 24-pounder Licorn brass howitzer.

By 1845, with the disappearance of almost all of the Revolutionary veterans and the death of Commandant George Warren Chapman, the Corps had come to a crossroads. On January 8, 1848, the Veteran Corps of Artillery merged with the Society of the War of 1812, which had been formed by the officers of that war on January 3, 1826 to press for pensions and bounty land legislation. On September 28, 1850, Congress passed a law granting bounty land to the surviving soldiers of the War of 1812 and their widows.

Upon the passage of this law, a portion of the Veteran Corps of Artillery withdrew and on November 19, 1850 formed the Veteran Corps of 1812, 13 and 14. Under Colonel Nicholas Haight, the Veteran Corps of 1812 was recognized as an independent military organization by the State of New York, which loaned its arms in 1851 and 1852. It assumed a regimental formation,

later expanded into a brigade, and eventually boasted a strength of about 600 men throughout the State of New York.

The Veteran Corps of Artillery under Captain Richard Raynor some 81 strong in 1858 became Battery G of the 4th Regiment of Artillery, New York State Militia. The 4th Regiment was called into service of the United States for the Gettysburg campaign of June - July 1863. Battery "G" Veteran Corps remained in New York and was called out by General Sandford to guard the State Arsenal during the terrible days of the Draft Riots, July 13 – 16, 1863.

Battery G "Veterans Corps" National Guard State of New York was disbanded in January 1874 and their four 24-pounder brass howitzers, obtained by the Corps as their own property in 1838 were turned over to the State. The Veteran Corps of the War of 1812, 13 and 14 then became the sole depository of the VCA lineage and tradition.

In 1917, the Corps then recruited 1400 men to form an antiaircraft unit for the defense of New York City. Three VCA officers were sent to Great Britain and France to study antiaircraft defense, where in October 1917, Captain Robert H. Wilder, VCA became the first American officer to be gassed on the Western Front during World War I. In addition, the group translated the French antiaircraft manual. This work became the U.S. Army standard for air defense. In August 1917, the VCA became a part of the First Provisional Regiment formed to guard New York City's water supply. Subsequently in October 1917, 600 men were detailed to form the 9th Coast Artillery Corps to replace the 9th Regiment, then in active service in France.

In 1931 the VCA's annual summer camps became "Contact Camps" of the U.S. Army. As a majority of Corps members attending each summer were U.S. Army reserve officers, it was arranged with the Army to give the VCA camps official status, under the supervision of a U.S. Army officer, to enable the VCA reserve officers to complete their various reserve requirements. This arrangement lasted until World War II.

Since World War II the Corps has been comprised mainly of veterans of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the First and Second Persian Gulf Wars, and the War in Afghanistan. They have served with distinction in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Some have never served in any armed force. Regardless of any former rank, all join as Privates (E-1) and are on an equal par for promotions.

The Corps is a familiar sight in the Streets of New York to this day. In 1972, while under the command of Colonel Sherman P. Haight, Jr., the Corps acquired two 75 millimeter pack howitzers of World War II vintage and an additional four Pieces in 1988. On 4 July 1974, the Corps resumed its traditional practice of firing a Federal salute at New York City's Battery. This has been exceptionally well received by the public, and it is to be hoped the Veteran Corps of Artillery will continue with this mark of respect to the Nation as long as the Nation and the Veteran Corps of Artillery shall endure.

In 1988, through the good offices of then Commandant MG John E. Connelly III, the Corps' capability was enhanced with the availability of four more guns, allowing a full six-gun battery salute when the occasion calls for it.

The Corps was confirmed in statutory and prescriptive rights and privileges as a separate corps in organized militia by Acts of Congress of May 8th, 1792 (section 1641, U.S. revised statutes); January 21st, 1903; May 27th, 1908; June 3rd 1916; May 12, 1917. Acts of New York State Legislature of April 17th, 1854 (Chapter 898), April 14th, 1855 (Chapter 586), March 9, 1895 (Chapter 91), April 13th 1904 (Chapter 828), May 15th 1907 (Chapter 50), and May 14th, 1913 (Chapter 513).

NATIONAL DEFENSE EXTRACT

The Veteran Corps of Artillery State of New York is comprehended under the National Defense Act (Public No. 85, 64th Congress H.R. 12766) as being one of the EIGHT Historic Military Organizations, liable for duty under orders of The President in time of War.

The Chapter reads.

All Corps of Artillery, Cavalry or Infantry existing in any of the States on the passage of the Act of May 8th, 1792, which by law, custom or usage of said States has been in continuous existence since the passage of said Act under its provisions and under the provisions of Section 232 and Section 1625 to 1660, both inclusive of the title 16 of the Revised Statutes of 1873, and the Act of January 21st, 1903, relating to the Militia, shall, be allowed to retain its ancient privileges, subject nevertheless to all duties required by law of Militia; Provided, That said organizations may be a part of the National Guard and entitled to all privileges of the Act, and shall conform in all respects to the organization, discipline and training of the National Guard in time of War;

Provided Further, That for the purpose of training and when on active duty in the service of the United States, it may be assigned to higher units, as The President may direct and shall be subject to the order of officers under whom they shall be serving.

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES MILITARY AND NAVAL HISTORY RESPONSIBILITIES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES DMNA REGULATION: 870-1

SUMMARY: This regulation prescribes Division of Military and Naval Affairs basic policy concerning conduct of historical activities.

APPLICABILITY: This regulation applies to all elements of the Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA): Army, National Guard (NYARNG), Air National Guard (NYANG), Naval Militia, New York Guard (NYG) and State Management Office (SEMO).

SUPPLEMENTATION: Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited without prior approval from The Adjutant General, 330 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, New York 12110-2224.

9-9 Ceremonial Units:

a. The Adjutant General may recognize or direct the formation of ceremonial units for use in the state and national ceremonies and community affairs. Only the Adjutant General may designate or organize such formation or historical themes. Local color guards and ceremonial units in modern regulation uniform and equipment are not subject to the provisions of this section.

b. Each such unit will be assigned a parent command. Units currently recognized and their parent commands are:

(1) 42nd (Rainbow) Division Color Guard (1918) - Headquarters, 42nd Infantry Division NYARNG.

(2) Half Section B, 1st New York Light Artillery (1863) - Headquarters, 1st Battalion 156 Field Artillery, NYARNG.

(3) Firing Battery and Field Music, Veteran Corps of Artillery (1790) - Headquarters, Veteran Corps of Artillery, State of New York, 1/258 FA Bn NYARNG.

This is of necessity a very brief sketch of the history of the Corps and Society compiled by COL Samuel Thorne, Jr. LTC Geoffrey E. Fulton and CPT Frederick B. Gleason, III.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath unto **THE MILITARY SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812** as a military and patriotic society under Chapter 267 of the laws of 1875 of the State of New York by the surviving veterans members of the Council of Administration of the Veteran Corps of Artillery, sum of Dollars \$() for the general purpose of the Society.

or

I give and bequeath unto **THE VETERAN CORPS OF ARTILLERY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**, chartered November 25, 1790, by the Governor of the State of New York, the sum of Dollars \$() for the general purpose of the Corps.

APPENDIX A (TIME IN GRADE)

For Commissioned Officers:

<u>Promotion to:</u>	<u>Time in Present Grade:</u>
First Lieutenant (O-2)	2 Years as a Second Lieutenant (O-1)
Captain (O-3)	3 Years as a First Lieutenant (O-2)
Major (O-4)	5 Years as a Captain (O-3)
Lieutenant Colonel (O-5)	5 Years as a Major (O-4)*
Colonel (O-6)	5 Years as a Lieutenant Colonel (O-5)*

*Unless appointed to the Offices of Commandant, Vice Commandant, or Chief of Staff/Brigade Major.

For Warrant Officers:

<u>Promotion to:</u>	<u>Time in Present Grade:</u>
Chief Warrant Officer 2 (W-2)	2 Years as a Warrant Officer 1 (W-1)
Chief Warrant Officer 3 (W-3)	3 Years as a Chief Warrant Officer 2 (W-2)
Chief Warrant Officer 4 (W-4)	5 Years as a Chief Warrant Officer 3 (W-3)

For Enlisted Members:

<u>Promotion to:</u>	<u>Time in Present Grade:</u>
Private (E-2)	6 Months as a Private (E-1)
Private First Class (E-3)	1 Year as a Private (E-2)
Corporal (E-4)	18 Months as a Private First Class (E-3)
Sergeant (E-5)	2 Years as a Corporal (E-4)
Staff Sergeant (E-6)	3 Years as a Sergeant (E-5)
Sergeant First Class (E-7)	3 Years as a Staff Sergeant (E-6)
Master Sergeant (E-8)	3 Years as a Sergeant First Class (E-7)**
First Sergeant (E-8)	3 Years as a Sergeant First Class (E-7)**
Sergeant Major (E-9)	3 Years as a Master Sergeant (E-8) or 1SG (E-8)**
Command Sergeant Major (E-9)	3 Years as a Master Sergeant (E-8) or 1SG (E-8)**

**Waivable if a vacancy exists for otherwise qualified personnel.

APPENDIX B (ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES)

- I. Except where otherwise provided for herein, annual membership dues are \$80.00, except that annual dues for Associate Members are \$50.00. Applicants serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States are exempt from payment of annual dues until discharged.
- II. Annual dues for Cannoneers are \$ 50.00.
- III. A certified check or postal money order in the amount of \$500.00, payable to the Quartermaster, shall accompany every membership application, toward the purchase of the Parade Dress Uniform. Applicants serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States are exempt from payment of the foregoing amount until discharged from active duty in the armed forces of the United States. Moreover, every membership application shall be accompanied by an application fee check in the amount of \$35.00, payable to the Paymaster.
- IV. Members who, by virtue of distance, cannot participate regularly in Corps activities, are required to purchase a Life Membership in the Corps, to include applicants of Hereditary descent not intending to drill regularly in the Corps. Life Membership fees will be deposited into a mutual fund or similar-type investment account for the benefit of the Veteran Corps of Artillery of the State of New York, overseen by the Paymaster. Sixty percent (60 %) drill attendance is required annually to remain active in good standing. Otherwise, Life Membership in the Corps is available to all members (except Associate Members above age 75), and are payable as follows:

If aged 18 to 39: \$1,500.00
If aged 40 to 59: \$1,250.00
If aged 60 to 75: \$1,000.00
- V. The annual membership fee for all members assigned to retired/honorary status will be \$40.00.
- VI. The Chaplain, and any Assistant Chaplains, are exempt from payment of annual dues for as long as they are so assigned and continuing throughout their retirement.

APPENDIX C (GENERAL MILITARY APPEARANCE)

All soldiers of the Veteran Corps of Artillery of the State of New York, whether in active, honorary, or retired status, to the extent they are authorized by the Corps' Rules and Regulations to wear uniforms of the Corps, must comply with the uniform and military appearance protocols of U.S. Army Regulation 670-1. The intent of this Appendix is to advise, generally, that no such soldier may wear the Corps uniform unless he or she conforms to prevailing military standards of proper appearance, including weight standards pursuant to U.S. Army Weight Control Charts at any given time, but also including general physical health and sound bodily structure. If any such soldier fails to meet such standards, then he or she is only authorized to wear the Corps Blue Blazer Uniform, with crest and beret, except in the case of mess dress functions authorized by the Corps' Rules and Regulations.

