

2018 R.A.C.W GENERAL SAFETY TEST

THE R.A.C.W. SAFETY RULES SHOULD BE READ PRIOR TO TAKING THIS TEST. A COPY OF THE SAFETY RULES CAN BE FOUND ON THE R.A.C.W. WEBSITE. MARK THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION.

SECTION 1 Questions 1 – 10 GENERAL SAFETY

1. While handling black powder of any form:

- a. Smoking and open flames are prohibited.
- b. During Battle.
- c. A 30 foot safety distance is needed from smoking and open flames when loading.
- d. After battles, until all weapons and cartridges have been secured.
- e. All the above

2. True False At no time will a member pickup another members weapon, or cannon implement without permission from the owner. Unless retrieving the weapon or cannon implement in good faith and belief that the owner has “lost” the weapon or cannon implement.

3. True False Hazardous conduct, such as “horseplay” is prohibited on the field.

4. Firearms and powder supplies:

- a. Will never be out of control of a member.
- b. Should be stored in a locked container.
- c. Should never be placed in the hands of spectators or non-combatant minors.
- d. All the above.

5. True False Spectators may only handle weapons in controlled demonstration scenarios. The weapon never leaves sight of the owner. Minors can handle only with parent/guardian approval and the parent/guardian is present.

6. True False Any Member observing a situation that is in violation of a safety rule, may be allowed to call a cease fire until the situation is correct or resolved.

7. True False Canteens are **REQUIRED** for all individuals participating in the battlefield activities, unless the weather proves cool enough to permit otherwise. Discretion is left to the unit officer.

8. True False All weapons will be inspected each day prior to battle. Any weapon found to be unserviceable will be banned from the battlefield.

9. True False All weapons will be clean and in good repair.

10. True False The possession of live ammunition and modern weapons in camp, are prohibited. (Exception: Certified Law Enforcement officers.)

SECTION 2 Question 11 – 19 BATTLEFIELD SAFETY

11. Gunfire is prohibited
- a. In any area black powder is handled.
 - b. Black powder is exposed for the purpose of loading cartridges.
 - c. Within 50 feet of artillery ammunition or powder magazine.
 - d. In camp or other tented areas, unless otherwise specified.
 - e. All the above.
12. Weapon firing, or clearing of the guns outside of the battlefield MUST be:
- a. Authorized by your Sergeant or Commanding officer.
 - b. Greater than 25 feet safety distance from spectators.
 - c. The alarm "Fire in the Hole", is given before firing your weapon.
 - d. All the above.
13. True False A wounded party may not fire from the ground, and a soldier, when wounded, should discharge his/her weapon before falling to the ground.
14. True False Soldiers may fire from the prone position only when commanded by their commanding officer. Before firing. The soldier will elevate his muzzle above any tall grass, sand or loose rock.
15. True False The minimum safe distance for long arm fire is 30 feet, and is 30 feet when firing at an approaching horsemen.
16. Hand to hand combat is not allowed, unless:
- a. Pre-approved by both U.S. and C.S. commanding officers
 - b. All weapons must be cleared and empty.
 - c. Both a. and b. **(Make sure you read the entire part 6 of Section 2; Battlefield safety.)**
17. True False All fighting will end when "recall" is sounded
18. True False Each company commander shall ensure that each member to his command is competent in his/her familiarity with the **R.A.C.W SAFETY RULES.**
19. True False Civilian Corp members are not allowed on the active battlefield with the exception of scripted scenarios that have been approved by all brigade commanders, to include Civilian.

SECTION 3 Question 20 – 31 Long Arm Safety

20. True False All weapons will be field cleaned at the end of the day.
21. True False Weapons will be loaded only when designated by your commanding officer.
22. True False Only FF or FFF grade black powder will be used **(absolutely no black powder substitutes are allowed.)**
23. True False At no time will ramrods be drawn on the field.

24. Long arm cartridges must be made of:

- a. Paper.
- b. Without Tape.
- c. Without staples or glue.
- d. In a manner that conforms to the Civil War period
- e. All the above.

25. True False Long arm cartridges must be made prior to battles.

26. True False Cartridges must contain no more than 75 grains of black powder.

27. True False .69 Caliber rifles may use up to 90 grains of black powder.

28. True False Shotguns may use up to 130 grains of black powder.

29. True False When loading, only black powder will be placed in the barrel.

30. True False Specially treated silver nitrate paper or cigarette paper are used for breech loading carbines and breech loading rifles, only.

31. True False When discharging a weapon inside the minimum safety distance, the weapon will be discharged straight up, at a right angle to the ground.

SECTION 4 Questions 32 – 38 Pistol Safety

32. True False Revolvers and other pistols will be inspected prior to loading in order to determine whether the weapon is safe to operate in the field.

33. True False Revolvers and other pistols will use 35 grains of powder only.

34. True False Single shot pistols may be loaded with 40 grains of black powder and will be treated as long arms in other respects.

35. The following dry materials can be utilized as wadding in pistols and revolvers.

- a. Cream of Wheat.
- b. Cream of Rice.
- c. Corn Meal.
- d. Farina, fluff, or Malt-O-Meal.
- e. All the above.

36. True False All pistols are to be carried in a holster. Carrying pistols in waistbands is prohibited.

37. Reenactors using revolvers may carry extra cylinders provided:

- a. Cylinders are fully loaded.
- b. Capped
- c. Securely carried in a leather pouch designed specifically for this function.
- d. All the above.

38. ____ True ____ False Minimum distance for aimed pistol fire is 30 feet.

SECTION 5 Questions 39 – 41 Bladed Weapon Safety

39.. Bayonets will only be fixed:

- ____ a. By order of field commanders.
- ____ b. Except for public display.
- ____ c. Metal bayonets will never be drawn on the battlefield.
- ____ d. All the above.

40. ____ True ____ False Knives shall not be drawn on the field and will be tied or otherwise secured.

41. ____ True ____ False Swords may be drawn at the discretion of company officers and brigade commanders.

SECTION 6 Questions 42 – 45 Spectator Safety

42. ____ True ____ False At no time shall any weapon be pointed at a spectator.

43. ____ True ____ False No weapon will be fired within 25 feet of a spectator.

44. If, at any time, a spectator enters the battle area:

- ____ a. A cease fire will be called by any member observing the action.
- ____ b. The cease fire will be maintained until the spectator is removed from the battlefield.
- ____ c. All the above.

45. Individuals assigned to provost have absolute authority:

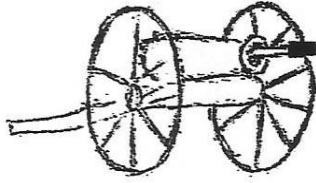
- ____ a. To call cease fire.
- ____ b. Redirect soldiers or units that are positioned too close to the audience.
- ____ c. Both A and B.

SECTION 7 Question 46-49 Artillery Safety

46. The safety zone for Artillery is:

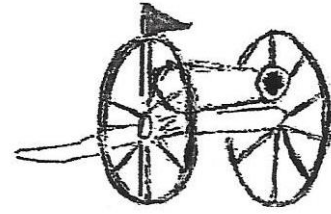
- ____ a. 50 feet to the sides and rear of the cannon.
- ____ b. 75 feet to the front of the cannon.
- ____ c. A red marker shall be placed 75 feet to the front of all cannons.
- ____ d. All the above.

47. These cannons are in what condition?

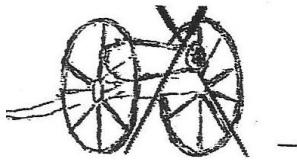


Picture of cannon with ramrod in barrel, or picture of a cannon with a Green Pennant on a staff at a right angle to the ground.

Green Pennant

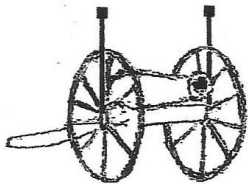


48. What has happened to this cannon?



Picture of cannon with ramrods crossed over Barrel.

49. What does this cannon indicate?



Picture of cannon with ramrods diagonal to the wheel hub.

Member Name _____ Date _____

Unit _____ Score _____ Pass/Fail

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