



# REGULARS AND VOLUNTEERS: OVERVIEW OF A REGULAR SOLDIER

---

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Regular Soldier**

You are proud to be a regular soldier in the U.S. Army. You know a regular soldier is better prepared to fight a war because:

### **Regulars are prepared to survive the hardships of camp life**

“Regulars, in 15 minutes, . . . have tents pitched, arms & ammunition well secured; fires made, kettles boiling [for] wholesome cooking; men dried, & at their supper, merry as crickets,. . . . Volunteers eat their meat raw; lose or waste their clothing; lie down wet; leave arms & ammunition exposed to rain . . . In a short time . . . the hospitals filled with the sick [volunteers]!” – General Winfield Scott, Letter to the Secretary of War

“Volunteers . . . cannot endure fatigues (chores) . . . It is too difficult to keep them under proper discipline.” – Captain Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mississippi Rifles

### **Regulars are always prepared to fight**

The first call for volunteers was seven days after the Battle of Palo Alto, the first battle of the U.S.-Mexican War. If it had not been for the regulars, there would have been no soldiers ready to fight in that battle.

In your own words, explain why the regular army can protect the country better than a volunteer militia.

---

---

---

---

---

