

Student Worksheet 1: Team: Commanders of Training

Learning Skills: Writing, Interviewing, Oral History, Drawing/Sketching

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Your assignment:

Your role is to prepare the troops for battle with the British. What skills or knowledge will you need to possess to improve the performance of the army in the areas of strategic marching, mental attitude (gaining trust and motivate for battle), skillful use of weaponry, etc.

Your tasks:

- Read the excerpt from Baron Von Steuben' book, *Regulations for the Order and Discipline of Troops of the United States*.
- Interview a soldier, boy or Girl Scout, or a ROTC member or someone who attends a military school. Ask them about their training and what they think is important to be a good soldier, scout, or ROTC member, i.e. learning to respect one another and officers, mastering survival skills and defense maneuvers, maintaining proper appearance, etc.
- Based on what you learned from the interviews and the excerpt from Von Steuben's book, prepare a soldier's handbook that may include categories like responsibilities within the camp, appearance, and skills to master. Include illustrations to show what soldiers need to know and do.
- Research the Valley Forge National Historical Park web site at www.nps.gov/history/museum/vafo andr www.nps.gov/vafo for additional information to accomplish your task.