



These standards apply to the use of historic weapons for interpretive demonstration purposes by individuals and demonstration units on lands administered by the Pecos National Historical Park (NPS). Visit our webpage for a more complete listing of Standards for Historic Weapons use at

<http://www.nps.gov/peco/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies.htm>

The National Park Service drill for 19th century percussion small arms is based upon the School of the Soldier, Infantry Tactics, 1862 by Brig. Gen. Silas Casey, U. S. Army. Other manuals such as the Rifle and Light Infantry Tactics, 1855 by Brevet Lieutenant Colonel W.J. Hardee are almost identical however they will have different page numbers.

Authenticity and General Code of Conduct:

- All participants will remain in historical dress of the appropriate time period during event hours.
- We highly encourage your family and friends to join you, but they must either be correctly dressed or remain out of your encampment/display area during public hours.
- All tack shall be of period design and in good condition.
- Modern accoutrements (pop cans, plastic ware, coolers, etc.) are not allowed to be in view during event hours.
- Alcohol consumption is not allowed on the premises during event hours.
- Anyone acting in an unsafe, disorderly, or uncooperative manner will immediately be asked to leave and/or face legal charges.
- While camping at a National Park, please take special care of site features. Tampering, climbing upon or destroying property is not allowed and may be cause for removal from the property and/or legal charges.
- All fires must be extinguished before breaking camp.
- All motorized vehicles must be removed from the encampment area during event hours.

Weapons:

- Live ammunition is not allowed on the park.
- Firearms will remain unloaded except for firing demonstrations.
- Firearms are to be clean before any shooting of blanks.
- Firearms will be discharged only during event hours, in pre-determined demonstration areas, or during battles, always in a safe direction and manner.



- Any bladed weapon should be carried safely.
- Firearms may only be **discharged** by persons 16 years of age or older.
- Volunteers under the age of 16 may NOT carry or drill with an unloaded firearm.

A Black Powder Certified Park Ranger will check all weapons upon arrival and check-in at the park.

A Park Ranger may conduct random checks of camps and weaponry throughout the event.

Animals:

- Livestock is allowed only if required for historical reenactments.
- Livestock will be quartered in designated areas.
- Control of Livestock is the responsibility of the demonstrators and all precautions must be taken for the safety of others.
- Care of Livestock is the responsibility of the demonstrators.

Standards for clothing:

FEDERAL

Hats

Hardee hats, Union forage caps, broad brimmed felt or straw hats.

Coats, Jackets and Shirts

Civilian sack or frock coats, federal sack coats, shell jackets, federal issue shirts, and civilian shirts (cotton, wool, muslin, or other appropriate period material).

Trousers and Footwear

Federal issue trousers, Mexican style vaquero trousers, military brogans, military boots, civilian shoes, and civilian boots.

Accoutrements

Civilian equipment, federal issue equipment (canteens, haversacks, cartridge boxes, belts, cap pouches, and bayonets), and belt knife.

Federal Weapons for Demonstrations and Static Displays

Longguns: Preferred - 1855 Springfield's, 1842 Springfield's, 1847 Musketoons, 1859 Sharps Carbine/Rifle (Conversion of Flintlock Muskets)



Longguns: Acceptable - 1861 Springfield's and wartime contractor replicas, 1841 Springfield's (Mississippi rifle), Enfield's, Henry Rifles (rare)

Longguns: Unacceptable for firing but acceptable for static display as long as visitors are aware they were not used in the battles of Glorieta and Valverde- 1863 Springfield's, 1863 Sharps Carbine/Rifles, Zouave Rifles, Spencer Carbine/Rifles

Handguns for static display only- NO firing of any handguns

Handguns: Preferred - Note: Officers purchased their own side arms, anything manufactured before early 1862 is acceptable. 1842 Springfield's, 1851 Colt Navy's
Colt Dragoons, 1855 Springfield's, 1858 Starr DA Revolvers

Handguns: Acceptable - 1860 Colt Army, Whitney Revolvers

Handguns: Unacceptable - Brass Frame Revolvers, Ruger Old Armys, LeMat Revolvers, Metallic Conversions of Percussion Revolvers, Rogers & Spencer Revolvers, 1863 SA Starr Revolvers, Model 1863 Remington (Model 1858)

Knives & Bladed Weapons: Preferred - Period Belt Knives, Period Sabers (officers & most cavalry), Bayonets

Knives & Bladed Weapons: Unacceptable - Modern Knives

CONFEDERATE

Hats

Hardee hats, wheel caps, Union forage caps, period civilian hats, broad brimmed felt or straw hats.

Coats, Jackets and Shirts

Civilian sack or frock coats, captured federal sack coats, shell jackets, captured federal issue shirts, civilian shirts (cotton, wool, muslin, or other appropriate period material).

Trousers and Footwear

Captured federal issue, civilian pattern (wool, corduroy, cotton duck, jeans cloth), Mexican style vaquero trousers, military brogans, military boots, civilian shoes, civilian boots.

Accoutrements

Civilian equipment, captured federal equipment (canteens, haversacks, cartridge boxes, belts, cap pouches, and bayonets), and belt knife.



*Confederate Weapons for Demonstrations and *Static Displays*

Longguns: Preferred - 1855 Springfield's, 1842 Springfield's, 1841 Springfield's (Mississippi rifle), 1816 Conversions (Conversion of Flintlock Muskets to percussion), 1855 Colt Revolving Rifles, 1859 Sharps Carbine/Rifles, Double Barrel Percussion Shotguns, Single Barrel Percussion Shotguns, 1847 Musketoons, Civilian Period Rifles, Plains Rifles (Hawken Style), Austrian Lorenz's

Longguns: Acceptable - 1861 Springfield's and wartime contractor replicas, Enfield's

Longguns: Unacceptable for firing but acceptable for *static display as long as visitors are aware they were not used in the battles of Glorieta and Valverde – 1863 Springfield's, 1863 Sharps Carbine/Rifles, Zouave Rifles, Spencer Carbine/Rifles, Any copy of a Federal musket

Handguns for static display only- NO firing of any handguns

Handguns: Preferred - 1842 Springfield's, 1851 Colt Navy's, 1855 Colt Root Revolvers, Colt Dragoons, 1849 Colt's, 1848 Colt's, 1858 Starr DA Revolvers, Single- Shot Pistol's, Pepperbox's

Handguns: Acceptable - 1860 Colt Army, Colt Walker's (rare), Colt Paterson's (rare), Whitney Revolvers

Handguns: Unacceptable - Brass Frame Revolvers, Ruger Old Armys, LeMat Revolvers, Metallic Conversions of Percussion Revolvers, Rogers & Spencer Revolvers, 1863 Starr SA Revolvers, Model 1863 Remington (Model 1858)

Knives & Bladed Weapons: Preferred – Bowie, "D" Guard Bowie, Lances, Period Belt Knives, Period Sabers - mostly officers, Bayonets for military long arms

Knives & Bladed Weapons: Unacceptable - Modern Knives

Artillery Federal and Confederate

Only these types may be fired at Pecos NHP: 6 pound cannon, 12 pound mountain howitzer, 12 pound howitzer, and 24 pound howitzer.

Any artillery that was used in the Civil War is permissible for static displays.