

The 2nd Maryland Infantry, Co. A is a Non profit organization that was created so that persons with a similar love for History could experience the lifestyles of our forefathers during the period of the American Civil War. We choose to spend time to better understand the motivations and ideas of the men and women that preceded us. To do so we have entered into this organization and must abide by certain requirements and rules.

#### **DUES:**

Dues will be paid on a yearly basis to support the general operations of the unit, primarily communications to its members. Dues are paid to the Quartermaster or Quartermaster Dept. The Dues are established by a vote of the membership at the company's Annual Meeting. These Dues should be paid to the Unit as close to the Annual Meeting as possible. There will also be a one time "Procurement Fee" paid by all those members joining the company (note: This is per family). This fee is used by the company to obtain needed supplies. Failure to pay any of these dues will result in no Company Newsletter being sent to you, the release of your voting eligibility, no support from the Quartermaster Dept. and loss of your membership.

#### **INSURANCE:**

The Association that the 2nd MD Inf. Co. A Inc. is associated with will provide an Insurance Policy that is mandatory for each member. This is provided through group purchasing of the Association's members. Rates are subject to yearly evaluation by the organization and will be announced at the Company Annual Meeting. Every military member of our organization must carry this liability insurance by paying the Quartermaster Dept. prior to their first event of the year. Rates are published in our Company Newsletter throughout the year. Optional Medical coverage may be available at minimal additional costs.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

Each member will establish an individual or family account for Registration with the Quartermaster Dept. This account will be kept up to date by the Quartermaster Dept. and is usually available for examination at every event. We ask that funds be deposited into this account at the beginning of each year to cover expected activity. All accounts must be kept in the positive with the necessary balance to cover registration fees.

#### **WOMEN IN BATTLE:**

The 2nd MD, has a policy of no women in battle. No instance has been found of women fighting with the 2nd MD, Co. A, or the 1st MD, our predecessor. If you can find documentation to the contrary, submit it to the Board of Review. If it can be proven that women were in the ranks of the 1st or 2nd MD Inf. CSA, then all rules for new recruits would apply.

#### **UNIFORM AND ACCESSORIES**

Our forefathers is the original 2nd MD, Co. A were known and respected for their neat, clean appearance. They were known to be "natty"; which means to be neatly dressed, of tidy appearance, spruce. We strive hard to achieve this same look and after many years and much research by members of our unit, we believe we have arrived at a fairly accurate portrayal. (Committees are setup periodically to review new research associated with the 2nd MD Co. and to make recommendations associated with the company's portrayal of it's predecessor.) Because of this, there are strict requirements for anyone in our military unit. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ANYONE JOINING THIS UNIT PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHERE TO GET THEIR UNIFORM AND HOW TO GO ABOUT GETTING IT,** so as to insure that our unit continuity is preserved and that your money is not wasted.

#### **UNIFORM:**

It is required that all new recruits obtain the regulation "Richmond Depot Type II or Type III, Gray Wool Uniform".

Should the recruit already have a uniform of a different variety it will be allowed for their first year of membership. This uniform must be a proper infantry uniform in authenticity. No cavalry or artillery uniforms will be allowed! It is hoped that all recruits will attempt to obtain a Richmond Depot Gray uniform as soon as practical.

If a recruit does not have a uniform to start with, the unit as a whole will attempt to outfit them with basic clothing and accessories until theirs arrives. The recruit should contact the Officers of the 2nd MD, Co. A to arrange for this provision.

#### **KEPI:**

The correct uniform hat of the 2nd MD, Co. A is the Richmond Depot Gray Kepi with an aquamarine crown and bottom band. The brim is usually tarred cardboard or leather. Enlisted men should adorn their Kepi with a "2" at the front center of the hat. Officers will place an "A" on the front center of their hat.

#### **SHOES:**

Jefferson Brogans are the accepted military shoe of the Infantry soldier. These have full leather uppers, leather lacing and leather souls and heels. Most of these shoes will have authentic styled wood pegs in the heels. Heel plates are very important to the life expectancy of these shoes. "Desert Boots" *dyed black, eyelets removed, and leather or rawhide laces*, are an acceptable temporary substitute, *especially in the case of growing young men*, for Brogans. Please consult an Officer or NCO regarding these.

#### **SOCKS:**

Off white or Gray woolen socks are worn mostly by the Army. These should be plain with no color banding on them. Cotton socks of this variety will pass but will not last very long if the trousers are "bloused", campaign style.

#### **MUSKET:**

Most of the event coordinators as well as the 2nd MD, Co. A, specify that three band rifled muskets be used by Infantry. These can either be of the Enfield, Springfield, or Richmond Manufacture. There are several different Models and Manufactures of the muskets, which is why we strongly recommend that you consult members of the unit prior to purchasing one. Until you do purchase a musket for yourself, there may be muskets available to borrow from members of our unit. Please make arrangements with the Recruiter ahead of time if you need to borrow a musket.

#### **CANTEEN:**

This particular accessory is the most important part of your gear! Without it you will not be allowed on the battlefield or to drill. This carries the only drinking water that you may have available to you on the field. Canteens can be made of covered stainless steel, tin metal or wood. All forms are acceptable and each has its strengths and weaknesses.

#### **LEATHER ACCOUTERMENTS:**

You will be required to purchase leather goods with which you will complete your uniform. Most of these goods will be blackened leather. THE BAYONET SCABBARD comes in two different styles; The Springfield model is one piece and is designed to sweep on an angle across the side of the leg and the Enfield model which is a of a two piece construction; the Frog (which attaches to the waist belt) and the scabbard which slips into the Frog. These are worn on the left side of the body. THE CARTRIDGE BOX attaches to the waist belt or they can be worn on a black or natural leather strap and in it you will place your pre-made cartridges of powder. These boxes may come with cartridge tins in them to keep your ammunition in neat order. This is purely up to you if you wish to use them or not. This is worn on the belt to or sling and to the right rear of your body. THE CARTRIDGE BOX PLATE goes on the front of the cartridge box. The Maryland seal or an upside down US oval shaped plate are preferred-or no plate at all is acceptable. THE CAP BOX is also attached to your waist belt and contains the percussion caps that will be used in firing. This will be situated on the belt on the right front of your body. All the above items will slide on THE WAIST BELT which is of blackened or natural leather. This belt is usually worn high around the stomach and is not allowed to rest along the hips as in the old western movies. THE BELT PLATE that adorns the waist belt usually carries our Maryland seal on it or may carry the CS or even the US emblem. If you wear the US model it should be worn with the US upside down.

#### **HIVERSACK:**

The haversack usually carries things that you may want with you on the march. This may include food, matches, candles, etc. The haversack may be made of canvas, carpet bag material or a tarred material. Any of these types are acceptable though the tarred models will keep items inside much drier.

#### **PONCHO:**

The poncho is worn in inclement weather as rain gear and is used for ground cover to sleep on. A Civil War poncho, or gum blanket as some call it, is made of a rubberized canvas material with a reinforced cut in the center and brass grommets spaced along the edges.

#### **BLANKETS:**

The blankets found in the Civil War were made of wool material and were generally of a darker material like blue, brown or Gray. You may also choose to use a Quilted cotton or wool material blanket but caution must be used in choosing one with authentic period materials only in it.

#### **TENTS:**

Enlisted soldiers either used a shelter half (dog tent) or an A-tent. Please talk to the unit members before ordering and think about what impression you are going to do. Will you be tenting with your wife or family? These are important questions to ask before you purchase, not after! Officers or large families will either use the A-tent or an Officer's wall tent.

#### **GLASSES:**

*If you need to wear glasses, period frames must be used. Contacts are of course acceptable.*

### **THIS COMPLETES YOUR BASIC UNIFORM AND CAMPING NEEDS.**

We are very particular about the types of material that our period clothing is made with. Clothing should be made of cotton, wool, linen or muslin material. All fibers should be natural or natural blends. Buttons should be made of one of the following materials: wood, shell, mother of pearl, bone, glass, leather or a metal product such as brass, pewter, copper or even tin. Different types of clothing closures were Hook and Eye closures, Button closures, tying and lacing. Please remember that snaps and zippers had not been invented yet and therefore are unacceptable in our period impressions.

Other materials or items that will be needed in your impression are as listed; Eating utensils, candles or lamps, stools for leisure time.

**Please remember that there is a lot to purchase and a lot to learn about. Please ask questions about items and ask assistance prior to purchasing any of your gear! We are here to help you!**