

# 13<sup>th</sup> Texas “Burnett’s” Cavalry Regiment

## Code of Conduct

Members of this organization are to conduct themselves in an adult, and responsible manner. We are a family oriented unit, and in no small part, we encourage those with children to feel safe in camp with our membership. We will be expected to portray a Federal impression from time to time, and outbursts or refusal to participate in activities because of this can result in disciplinary action.

### *- Civilian Life -*

The 13<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry is a family unit. This emphasis does not disqualify those who are not married or have children, but it does set the tone that is expected of all members at all unit activities. The civilian members represent the various civilian occupations and lifestyles found during the 1860s. It is important that civilian family and social activities provide an enjoyable reenacting experience to the civilian members of the unit. Further, the civilian camp provides a “second home” for all members of the unit during the course of an event.

### *- Social Expectations and Customs -*

The 13<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry seeks to emulate the social customs of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century in camp and in the field. We desire to reenact the *best* of the culture of the 1860s not the lowest elements. Men are expected to be gentlemen. Women are expected to be ladies. Children are to be obedient and to respect their elders and shall be protected by adult members of the unit. Prejudice has no place in the 13<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry, neither that of race, sex, creed, or heritage. Equal respect is to be extended to persons from all parts of the United States and to reenactors regardless of the color of their uniforms.

We have adopted these 19<sup>th</sup> Century social practices because they make the event more authentic. Reenactments are not authentic unless all participants adopt the social habits of the time period, as well as the clothing. To wear the clothing without the social customs is to play “dress up.” The social customs create harmony in the camp. The rules of etiquette our ancestors practiced were created so that each person would be respected and comfortable in the presence of others. The social customs that protected families and individuals in the 19th Century will also protect reenactor families and individuals in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. These common social customs will also promote cooperation for the common good. Overall it is more fun to look, act, and even think the part. The more immersed a person is, the more fun they can have.

In short, the 13<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry military camp is a place in which ladies and children will feel comfortable and safe and to which mothers can send their young sons with complete confidence in the example of manhood there.

Having Read the above statement, the following items can not be tolerated by members of the 13<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry and will result in disciplinary measures:

- 1) Abusive or inappropriate behavior towards other members of the regiment or other units.
- 2) Careless or inappropriate behavior towards the public
- 3) Abusive or derogatory language toward another member or other persons in public, or in camp when it can and will be deemed inappropriate.
- 4) Intoxication by use of any substance that is illegal. (this infraction will be cause for immediate removal from the 13<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry)
- 5) Willful destruction of regiment or another person's property
- 6) Public drunkenness, or intoxication during any combat or weapons handling .
- 7) Theft
- 8) Threats, physical, or otherwise, will result in the removal of the parties involved from the event, pending review by the Comand (executive) Board.

Disciplinary measures:

When a member has violated the Code of Conduct measures may be taken to ensure that the violations do not continue. The Executive Board will determine the appropriate measure to be taken. The severity of the infraction will dictate the severity of the measures to be taken. These measures include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Loss of rank, temporary
- 2) Loss of rank, permanent
- 3) Suspension of membership for a number of events
- 4) Retraining and demotion to recruit status(probation)
- 5) Retraining, and recommendation for evaluation of status
- 6) Removal from the 13<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry

All disciplinary actions are to be enforced by the commander and the executive board only.

Remember, tempers can flare, and passions can run high, but this is a hobby, so have fun!

Simply put, we ask and expect our members to be responsible for themselves, and conduct themselves in a respectful, and proper manner.