



PENNYPACKER MILLS

## REVOLUTIONARY WAR WEEKEND

MAY 16 & 17, 2026

### Rules and Regulations

#### **Registration:**

- When you arrive, please find a staff member at the mansion to register you.
- All participants must be attached to a registered unit...no walk-ons or substitutions without the permission of the site and overall military commander.
- Non-registered units or individuals may not participate in this event nor stay on the property after scheduled event hours.
- A waiver must be signed by all reenactors/living history participants. This document and other information will be available upon registering.

#### **Event Hours:**

- This event is open to the public on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 5 pm, and on Sunday, May 17<sup>st</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm.

#### **After Hours:**

- All quiet will be observed at 10pm each evening in compliance with local ordinances.

#### **Parking:**

- ALL vehicles MUST be out of the campsites, cavalry area, parking lot, and exhibit area by 8 am on Saturday and Sunday and moved to the designated parking field.
- Our regular parking lot is designated for handicapped parking only. Vehicles must have a handicapped window tag or license plate in order to be parked in this area.
- Vehicles must be parked in the reenactor parking fields/lots as designated by the site.

#### **General Rules:**

- The overall military commander is also the chief safety officer for the event. He will work with each designated unit commander to fulfill responsibility for keeping troop movement and horses at a safe distance from the public during demonstrations and activities.
- Any person associated with the event who does not abide by the rules during the weekend will be expelled from the event at the discretion of site staff.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted on County property. Anyone not conducting themselves in a proper manner will be asked to leave.
- Please be responsible for your own area, and dispose of garbage properly in dumpsters provided.
- No swimming is allowed in the Perkiomen Creek.
- No fireworks or pyrotechnics are allowed at any time.
- No specialty impressions without prior consent of the site and the overall military commander.



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- No visitor or non-military reenactor may handle or fire an edged or loaded weapon...even if they appear knowledgeable.
- Only military reenactors and site staff may enter the designated demonstration areas during the demonstration times.

### **Authenticity:**

- Pennypacker Mills as a historic site tries to promote and prepare events with integrity, which will accurately portray an experience or a time period to the public.
- We expect this tradition to be upheld by all reenactors...civilian, military, sutlers, etc. We expect correct attire, hairstyles, footwear, glasses, watches, etc.
- Coolers and canned soft drinks, etc. should be hidden from the public.
- Only authentic weapons and military equipment will be used.

### **Solicitation & Fundraising:**

- All donations given by the public belong to Pennypacker Mills.
- Solicitations of donations from any other entity is strictly prohibited.
- Reenactors must receive prior approval each year from Pennypacker Mills for any other fundraising activities/raffles they wish to organize at the event.
- By Montgomery County regulation, this event is free to the public.

### **Campsites:**

- *Firepits:* Please keep the sod to fill the pit when the event is over.
- *Fencing:* Do not attach or hang anything to the restored five wire fencing or posts. Do not allow children to climb on the fencing.

### **Military Reenactor Rules:**

#### **Age of Participants:**

- No one under the age of 16 will be allowed in designated firing demonstration areas.
- Functioning musicians, not under the age of 13, are allowed to lead units to battle, but they must exit the battlefield before it begins.

#### **Weaponry:**

- All weapons which involve gunpowder must be reproductions and must be approved by the site Safety Officer prior to the battle. Please be sure that all participants in each unit are aware of this fact before the event.
- A site Safety Officer must be present when each unit does their safety checks.
- A site Safety Officer and site administration must be present at all strategy meetings during the event held by the Commanding Officers.
- Ramrods may be carried, but not drawn, except by Safety Officers on the sidelines.
- No wadding or tampions should be inserted into the barrels of weapons at any time.



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- Weapon demonstrations and drills will be held only in designated areas within a safe range from the public as determined by the site staff.

### Ammunition:

- No live rounds are allowed on the property during the weekend. Do not come to the reenactment with the thought that you can buy your gunpowder or cartridges on site.

**For Infantry:** Cartridges must be pre-rolled and should not exceed 100 grains of powder.

**For Artillery:** Cartridges must be pre-assembled, and there should be a space of three minutes between each firing. No  $\frac{3}{4}$  scale guns. Full scale pieces only.

### Horses:

- Horses must have appropriate papers...Coggins Test, etc.
- Cavalry must walk the grounds with a site representative, and be represented at meetings to be part of the event.
- Horse riding is not permitted in camps, civilian or military, at any time during the weekend.
- Only skilled riders enacting a military impression will be allowed on horseback during the weekend.
- Horse owners are expected to keep visitors and reenactors from touching the horses during the weekend in keeping with Montgomery County Health Department regulations.

### Rank of Participants:

- No Infantry participant taking the field may hold a rank higher than captain without the overall military commander's prior approval.
- For artillery and cavalry, rank should correspond with the amount of artillery and cavalry participating in the event, unless arranged with the overall military commander.
- Specialty impressions, such as high-ranking officers, need to secure the permission of the site each year.

### Mansion Tours:

- The mansion will be open for tours 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday.
- **Note:** No hobnail boots, beverages, food, or weapons are permitted in the historic house.