

Wagoneer's Guidelines

❖ Driver Duties –

➤ General –

- Have and possess knowledge of the re-enacting hobby Military Branches.
- Train and direct the Swamper.
- Knowledge of team harness functions.
- Manage wagon support staff's impression and conduct.
- Drivers with special needs will be provided adequate accommodations, for example, if a driver has a hearing problem they should have a person on the wagon that can hear well to assist for safety.
- Each driver will have a swamper.
- All Drivers will participate in an officers' call or other designated meetings.
- Teamsters are responsible to notify lead wagon of their liabilities and limitations prior to taking the field.
- Attend at least 1 School of the soldier each year.

➤ In Camp

- Maintain well being of animals, tack and wagon.
- Maintain a clean and orderly camp.
- Harness will be stored in an orderly fashion and never allowed to be laid on the ground.
- Before harnessing up, the driver shall check the harness for wear. Before driving off the driver will check the harness for fit.

➤ On the Field

- To prove manageability of hitch each driver will complete a proficiency course.
- Maintain Wagon, team, and support Staff. Safety is the number one priority.
- The wagon must never exceed a trot when headed toward a crowd. Within 20 yards of a crowd the wagon must be in a walk **only**.
- For Ambulance corps wagons, each wagon should be equipped with 2 Hospital Flags.
- To drive on a battlefield the Driver and Swamper should at least drill with Artillery. More preferred would be to help Artillery at least one battle before driving during an event.
- Should a team become unruly on the field the hitch will be taken off of the field, away from re-enactors and spectators, until the hitch is fully manageable.
- While watering the troops from the wagon, caution troops of wheel hazards and animals.
- In the unlikely event of an accident the Driver is to stay with the wagon, begin calling for MEDIC and send someone for help.
- A wagon shall never drive between a Canon and Limber, without permission from the Gunner.
- A wagon Shall Never drive within 50 Yards of a Canon muzzle, without permission from the Gunner, Chief of the piece, or Chief of section.

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❖ Swamper's Duties –

➤ General

- Swamper is responsible for the safety and wellbeing of driver, team, wagon and freight.
- Attend at least 1 School of the soldier each year.

➤ In Camp

- Assist Driver with Harness storage, grooming and harnessing.
- Help maintain professional looking camp and impression.

➤ On the Field

- Stay near driver in the event of hitch trouble (harness, wagon, animal).
- Help Driver watch for dangers on the field including hot guns, incoming Cavalry, dead or wounded soldiers.
- While watering the troops from the wagon, help caution troops of wheel hazards and animals.
- While spectators are near the wagon, the swamper should be at the front of the team to prevent harm to spectators' from a moving hitch, or touching the team and startling them.
- While supporting the ambulance corps, when approaching a body on the field, are to simulate triage.
- In the unlikely event of an accident or emergency on the field everyone calls MEDIC. The wagon closest to the incident is to stay in the nearby area and waving their flag in a figure 8 motion.
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❖ General

- No Lamé animals shall be worked at an event.
- The requirement to have current (dated within one year), negative Coggins papers for all animals is mandatory.
- **TEAMSTERS DRINKING ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN SIX HOURS OF TAKING THE FIELD OR WHO APPEAR INTOXICATED WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TAKE THE FIELD.**

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