

MUSKET PROFICIENCY OF OPERATION & SAFETY FORM
1st NC BATTALION, 4TH REGIMENT, ANV

Member Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Unit: _____

Provisions for certification:

Each recruit/member of their respective unit must exhibit a proficiency in basic safe musket handling, loading, firing, miss-fire procedures, and maintenance. These proficiencies must be witnessed from each of the normal firing positions encountered during drill and battle scenarios. This proficiency cannot be exhibited without firing a minimum of twenty (20) standard blank cartridge rounds in the following prescribed positions. Recruits/members may complete these in any order as directed by the supervising individual(s). It is suggested that, where possible, recruits/members be placed into rank and file and rotated. In this manner front and rear firings can occur together.

Supervising individual will initial the blank beside each category as it is successfully completed by the unit's recruit/member.

1. _____ 2 rounds "Load in nine times" and fire from the Front Rank.
2. _____ 2 rounds "Load in nine times" and fire from the Rear Rank (observe appropriate foot and barrel placement).
3. _____ 2 rounds fire Front Rank – Left Oblique.
4. _____ 2 rounds fire Rear Rank – Left Oblique (observe appropriate foot and barrel/muzzle placement).
5. _____ 2 rounds fire Front Rank – Right Oblique
6. _____ 2 rounds fire Rear Rank – Right Oblique (observe appropriate foot and barrel/muzzle placement).
7. _____ 2 rounds Fire by File from the Front Rank
8. _____ 2 rounds Fire by File from the Rear Rank (observe appropriate foot and barrel/muzzle placement).
9. _____ 2 rounds Kneeling
10. _____ 2 rounds Prone
11. _____ Does the individual know the appropriate action in case of miss-fire and repeated miss-fire?
12. _____ Would you as the certifying witness feel safe with this person firing over YOUR shoulder?

*Additional rounds may be expended at the direction of the certifying Officer/NCO. Please make a record of what positions and to what purpose on the rear of this form.

I, _____, have been instructed on and understand the safe procedure of basic musket handling, loading, firing, miss-fire procedures, and maintenance of the rifle musket as well as the importance of safety while using a firearm during drill, firing, or anytime in the presence of the public. Furthermore, I understand my responsibility and liability that are associated with the use of black powder firearms and all attachments that may be used with them.

Member's Signature

Date

Parental Signature (Required for 14 thru 17 yrs of age)

Date

This form is to be witnessed and completed by either the Unit's Commanding Officer or designee on site.

Certifying Officer/NCO: _____

Event Location: _____ **Date:** _____

Form is to be signed by Battalion Commander/Designee and copy on file with Adjutant. Members 14 or 15 years of age must carry this form or "Firearms Proficiency" card on them and present when requested.

Battalion Commander/Designee: _____ **Date:** _____