

**OFFICE OF ORDNANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**MUSKET PROFICIENCY OF OPERATION & SAFETY**

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Provisions for certification:**

Each recruit/new member of the \_\_\_\_\_ 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 can not be exhibited without firing a minimum of twenty (20) standard blank cartridge rounds in the following prescribed positions. Recruits/new members may complete these in any order as directed by the supervising individual(s). It is suggested that, where possible, recruits/new 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 recruit/member.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 rounds Load in nine times and fire from Front Rank.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 rounds Load in nine times and fire from 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 Front Rank
8. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 rounds Fire by File from 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  
(Printed name)

handling, loading, firing, miss-fire procedures, and maintenance of the rifle musket as well as the importance of safety while using a weapon 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 weapons and all attachments that may be used with them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This form is to be witnessed and completed by either a member of Ordnance, a Unit Non-Commissioned Officer, or appropriate designee assigned by the raking Commissioned Officer on site.

Certifying Officer/NCO: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_