



Historic Weapons Program

Program Management Checklist

Park: _____ Inspector: _____ Date: _____

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- _____ All historic weapons demonstrations must be described in the park's approved Comprehensive Interpretive Plan before implementation (xx.1.1).
- _____ Demonstrations do not adversely impact the natural or cultural features of the area (xx.1.4).
- _____ Weapons procured by government funds are reproductions. No NPS museum property weapons are used (xx.1.5).
- _____ Only full-scale reproduction artillery pieces using same base metal as the original are demonstrated (xx.1.6).
- _____ Any variations from NPS standards are approved through the exemption process (xx.1.8).

VISITOR SAFETY

- _____ An interpreter controls each demonstration in which multiple demonstrators are involved. (xx.7.2.a).
- _____ The park has a current, written misfire plan approved by the regional inspector prior to initiating any weapons demonstrations (xx.7.3).
- _____ Visitors are warned before actually firing, of the loud noise, recommending caution to people with hearing aids and requesting control of children and pets (xx.7.4).
- _____ Visitors are not permitted to touch or handle any edged weapons (xx.7.5.).
- _____ Visitors are not permitted to touch or handle any weapon or equipment containing black powder (xx.7.5).
- _____ Unloaded weapons handled by visitors are kept under physical control by the demonstrator. (xx.7.5).

EMPLOYEE SAFETY

- _____ Demonstrations shall follow the approved NPS manual for the particular weapon involved (xx.8.1.)
- _____ Demonstrators will wear natural fiber or skin long-sleeved outer garments or full uniforms as appropriate to the historical period (xx.8.2).
- _____ All demonstrators will wear approved hearing protection during a firing demonstration (xx.8.3).
- _____ Prescription eyeglasses provided to employees and volunteers by the NPS shall have safety lenses of sufficient size to provide reasonable protection to the wearer's eye. (xx.8.4).
- _____ All-leather gauntlets similar to welder's gloves shall be worn by the cannoneer who sponges and rams the piece during artillery demonstrations. Flexible leather gauntlets shall be worn by the cannoneer who inserts the cartridge (xx.8.5).
- _____ A leather thumbstall will be used by the cannoneer tending the vent (xx.8.5).
- _____ Artillery is not be reloaded more frequently than once every 10 minutes(xx.8.6).

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

- _____ Parks having more than one certified historic weapons supervisor will designate a program coordinator (xx.9.1).
- _____ The types of weapons listed on the supervisor's certificate are the only types demonstrated in the park (xx.9.2).
- _____ Requests for services of a historic weapons supervisor from another park will be in writing from the superintendent and will include language authorizing the supervisor to enforce NPS standards at the park (xx.9.3.c).



_____ Any off-site firing demonstrations will follow all NPS Historic Weapons Safety Standards (xx.9.5.b).

_____ The park's historic weapons supervisor submits an annual program summary by December 31 of each calendar year (xx.9.6).

RESPONSIBILITIES, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION OF HISTORIC WEAPONS PERSONNEL

_____ The park's historic weapons supervisor is an officially trained and certified career, career-conditional, or term NPS employee, 21 years of age or older (xx.10.1.a).

_____ Park demonstrators are trained by the park's historic weapons supervisor (xx.10.1.2.a).

_____ The park's historic weapons supervisor document all training provided to park demonstrators (xx.10.1.2.c).

_____ The Superintendent must authorize certified historic weapons supervisors to carry out their function by signing the certificate. (xx.10.1.3.c).

_____ The minimum age of a historic weapons demonstrator is 16 years (xx.10.2.1).

_____ All demonstrators have demonstrated their competency to satisfaction of the park's historic weapons supervisor. (xx.10.2.3).

_____ The historic weapons demonstration interpreter has demonstrated his/her competency to the satisfaction of the park's historic weapons supervisor (xx.10.3.2).

INSPECTIONS

_____ Each weapon is given a thorough visual inspection at the beginning of each day the weapon is to be fired (xx.11.1).

_____ The park has a "Tag-Out" system in place for those weapons failing to pass inspection (xx.11.2).

_____ The park's historic weapons supervisor inspects in park demonstrations at regular intervals (xx.11.3).

NON-NPS GROUPS

_____ The park uses the minimum ratio of one certified historic weapons supervisor per forty small arms demonstrators and/or two artillery pieces. Additional historic weapons supervisors are used for complex events (xx.12.1).

_____ The park's historic weapons supervisor notifies the Point of Contact at least 30 days in advance of any planned weapons demonstrations in excess of the minimum ration. (xx.12.1)

_____ All non-NPS individuals or groups will operate as VIPs or under a special use permit (xx.12.3.a).

_____ All non-NPS individuals or groups shall demonstrate competency to the historic weapons supervisor (xx.12.3.b).

_____ The park provides all non-NPS individuals and groups with a copy of the Director's Orders on Historic Weapons Demonstrations Safety Standards and the appropriate approved NPS weapons manual at least 30 days prior to the program (xx.12.4.a).

_____ The individual or group certifies in writing that they have read and will adhere to the standards they have received from the park. This written agreement is received by the park prior to the demonstration. (xx.12.4.b).

_____ All black powder brought in by non-National Park Service individuals and groups are in the form of prepared cartridges and placed under National Park Service supervision (xx.13.5.a).

_____ Cartridges brought in by non-NPS individuals or groups are prepared in accordance with NPS standards (xx.13.5.b).

_____ Non-NPS groups are not permitted to bring in loose powder (xx.13.5.c).

_____ Members of non-NPS groups have been inspected by the park's historic weapons supervisor before being permitted to participate in firing demonstrations (xx.12.6).

_____ Appropriate NPS standards are applied to non-firing events (xx.12.6.b).

_____ The park's historic weapons supervisor personally supervises all firing demonstrations conducted by non-NPS individuals and groups (xx.12.7.a).