

Civil War Pacific Area Re-enactor
Equine Ground Test

This test is taken under the supervision of the Cavalry coordinator or person designated by the brigade commander. It will require the firing of weapons and additionally, riders to perform some maneuvers while mounted.

Name: _____ **Unit:** _____

1. General Inspection

- a. All tack is inspected for dry rot, wear and general un-serviceability.
- b. The animal is checked for visible defects or injury.
- c. The animal is brushed and curried to smooth matted hair, no caked on dirt, especially where the saddle and girth contact.
- d. The hooves are checked for loose shoes or other health compromising defects and clean of dirt and stones.
- e. Saddle and blanket are placed correctly. Blanket is smooth and the saddle is placed so that it does not apply pressure to the animal's withers or shoulders.
- f. Cinch/girth is securely fastened and adjusted.
- g. If applicable, surcingle is fastened around the horse and saddle.
- h. Headstall and bit are properly adjusted and fastened.

2. Mounting;

- a. The Rider Checks cinch/girth before mounting.
- b) The horse remains relatively still while being mounted.
- c) The rider settles in the saddle correctly.
- d) The horse seems steady with rider in the saddle

3. Riding

- a) Rider has control of the horse at all times and in all gaits.
- b) Rider can stop horse on command.

4. Working with the off horse (If Applicable)

- a) The rider/driver has control of both horses/mules at all times.
- b) The animals change from gait to another without difficulty.
- c) Rider/driver can stop horse/mule on command.

5. Reaction to Weapons (For military and civilian horses/mules ridden on or near the battlefield during the battles)

- a. Rider maintains control of the horse/mule while moving towards gunfire.
- b. Rider maintains control of the animal during artillery fire.
- c. The horse/mule will stand while linked to other horses during close weapons fire.
- d. The horse is not panicky during or after gun or artillery fire.
- e. The horse does not panic when approached by riders waving sabers and flags.
- f. The rider maintains control of the horse/mule while firing the pistol while mounted.

- g. The rider maintains control of the horse/mule while firing the carbine while mounted.
- h. The rider maintains control of himself and the horse/mule while using the saber.
- i. The horse/mule remains relatively steady when drawing and returning weapons

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS TEST. BE CAREFUL AND SAFE!

Pass____ Fail ____

Rider's Name_____

Horse's Name_____

You need at least 100% correct to pass

Unit Commander's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Unit Commander's Name: _____

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