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The historic record is clear – females who portrayed themselves as males served in the ranks. They took great pains to hide their true sex for fear of being discharged in accordance with the regulations of the period. Therefore, both the Park and the Army of the Mississippi welcome such a portrayal when done in an historic manner. As we are attempting to recreate the soldier of the period it is only fitting that any woman portraying a man in the ranks go to the same extent to protect her true identity as her role model did.

Female participants portraying military are therefore requested to adjust their clothing and equipment appropriately and not to do anything which will disclose their sex, particularly in the Military Camp if residing there.

For many years in the east we have used the rule that if a female military participant's sex is visibly undetectable at 20 feet she is satisfactory.

I therefore leave the decision to permit a female to participate as military and the adjustments required in clothing and kit to the female military participant's unit commander under the constraints of the paragraph immediately above.

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