



Saturday Sept 26  
and  
Sunday Sept 27  
Gettysburg Battlefield  
behind the PA Monument

NATIONAL REGIMENT CAMP of INSTRUCTION  
FEATURING  
**THE COLONEL'S CHALLENGE**



"Can a well trained soldier load and fire three aimed rounds per minute?"

## *THE COLONEL'S CHALLENGE, THE RULES*

We have all heard the maxim: "A well trained soldier can load and fire three aimed rounds per minute" and have accepted it slavishly; it is time to put this dictum to the test. At the end of each of the 4 firing demonstrations at Gettysburg we shall see if this rule holds true.

**Heats:** There will be a total of 4 heats, or rounds, one following each of the firing demonstrations. The first three heats will be preliminary rounds, with the final round following the final firing demonstration on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

The contestants will have ONE (1) MINUTE to fire three aimed rounds, all contestants following the prescribed loading by the nine count drill as described in "Infantry Tactics by Gen'l. Silas Casey, School of the Soldier".

The contestant in each heat, who fires three rounds the **fastest**, whether or not it is within the one minute time frame, will be declared the winner of that heat and will participate in the final round.

The winner of each of the three preliminary rounds will not participate again until the final round so as to give as many men who so desire, an opportunity to compete. Other than the winners of each heat, a contestant may participate in more than one heat.

The final round will consist of the winners of the first three heats.

As officers are expected to be naturally most proficient at drill, contestants will be limited to enlisted men only.

**Contestants:** One or two men from each of the several companies (not units) on the field, to be named by the company commander. The participants of each heat will NOT participate in the previous firing demonstration to ensure each contestant will begin the contest with a clean weapon.

Each contestant will be assigned a “spotter”, not of his company or unit, to ensure fairness.

The ‘Load in nine count’ drill will be followed implicitly! There will be NO palming of cartridges or priming caps. Paper WILL be rammed and ramrods MUST be returned to their channels after each round. Anyone found violating these rules (or any others I may think of) will be excluded from the contest.

The winner of the final round will be declared the “Champion of the National Regiment” and shall be universally acknowledged as the man who can shoot his load faster than anyone in the Regiment.

Have fun, be safe,

By Order Of,

Col. T. M. F. Downes Commander, National Regiment