

THE MASON DIXON ALLIANCE PROCLAMATION

Signed by the 1st Division ANV, November 2008.

Signed by the USV, January 2009.

Whereas, The members of the United States Volunteers (USV) and the members of the First Division, Army of Northern Virginia (1st ANV) recognize the importance of preserving and educating the American public with regard to the American Civil War or War Between the States; and

Whereas, The members of the United States Volunteers (USV) and First Division, Army of Northern Virginia (1st ANV) share an common interest in well planned, coordinated, safe and historically accurate reenactments of the life, times and battles of the American Civil War or War Between the States,

The members of the United States Volunteers (USV) and of the First Division, Army of Northern Virginia (1st ANV) do herewith issue a Proclamation of unity of purpose and do hereby join into common alliance to support each other within the reenactment community and before the sponsors of reenactments in accordance with the following principles, collectively known as the Mason-Dixon Alliance:

- 1) SAFETY. The safety of our membership is paramount. The alliance will coordinate with event sponsors to ensure the safety of the membership in camp and upon the field of battle and, upon the authorized request of the Executive Secretariat of the USV or the Division Staff of the 1st Division of the ANV both leave the field or otherwise act in unison in support of one another.
- 2) ADHERECE TO SCENARIO. The United States Volunteers and First Division, Army of Northern Virginia, express their concern for unauthorized actions that break scenario, otherwise demonstrate a disregard for event chain of command or members of the Alliance. The Alliance will coordinate with event sponsors to ensure that umbrella or individual units that have a history of acting unilaterally, in disregard for the scenario or other reenactors not be invited to participate or are ordered from the field. Upon the authorized request of the Executive Secretariat of the USV or Division Staff of the 1st Division of the ANV both leave the field or otherwise act in unison in support of one another.
- 3) COMMUNICATIONS. The Mason-Dixon Alliance will encourage cooperation and improved communication among all elements of the American Civil War in both Confederate and Federal impressions.
- 4) AUTHENTICITY. The Mason-Dixon Alliance will encourage the highest standards of the reenactment community.

The membership of the Mason-Dixon Alliance recognize that we have a common bond, a responsibility and a strong voice in leading our efforts to honor the men, women, and children that suffered during the American Civil War.