

# FAYETTEVILLE INDEPENDENT LIGHT INFANTRY COMPANY

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Dear Sir,

Congratulations....you have been recommended by a member in good standing for membership in the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Company. Only a few men are selected each year to join the ranks of this historic military command. All members are required to be gentlemen, and must act accordingly. As a corps of gentlemen, harmony and proper decorum in our ranks is expected at all times. As a historic military command, we are steeped in tradition, and we never forget who we are. The state law governing Historic Military Commands require that military procedures be followed; however, there is no required term of enlistment, no required state training, or call-up for duty. Therefore, there is no conflict of interest for active duty, reserve or National Guard personnel.

The selection process takes approximately two to three months. During this period of time, we expect you to attend all monthly musters and any socials. This will give you a chance to observe the operation of the unit and also gives our members the opportunity to meet you. The Commanding Officer, Adjutant, and First Sergeant will be your primary points-of-contact during the selection process. In order to insure that the selection process moves in a timely manner, we ask that you make yourself available as needed and to complete all necessary documents.

Your application will be investigated, and you will appear before an oral board. The next step in the process involves the ancient custom of the officers and men voting on your membership at a regular monthly muster. If selected, you will then be sworn-in and issued a membership warrant. As a new member you will be assigned a mentor.

In accordance with the state law governing Historic Military Commands, we are required to meet at least once a month. The F.I.L.I. regular monthly muster occurs on the first Monday night of the month. The Armory is usually open by 1730 hours, and our members gather for a social in "The Grand Olde Company Club." The social is followed by the muster meeting, and at the conclusion of the muster meeting, the club is again open.

Thank-you for your interest in the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Company.

Bruce J. Daws  
Major, Infantry  
Commanding

FAYETTEVILLE INDEPENDENT LIGHT INFANTRY COMPANY

TO: STAFF OFFICERS & NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

FROM: MAJOR BRUCE J. DAWS, COMMANDER

SUBJECT: APPLICANT PROCESSING FEE

A fifty dollar (\$50.) processing fee will be assessed of applicants applying for membership in the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Company.

The processing fee is in addition to the membership dues.

The processing fee will be maintained by the Adjutant.

If an applicant is rejected, the processing fee will be refunded.

BRUCE J. DAWS  
MAJOR, INFANTRY  
COMMANDING

## F.I.L.I. PROCESSING & MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dear Sir,

The current financial obligation for a new member is set at one hundred and twenty five dollars. This fee is divided into two charges. The first charge of fifty dollars is a onetime fee which is paid for processing your application. If your application is rejected, your processing fee will be refunded. The second charge of seventy-five dollars constitutes your annual membership dues. The full one hundred and twenty five dollars is due after you have been notified that your application is approved for membership and paid prior to being formally voted on and sworn-in as a member.

Annual Membership dues are collected from all members prior to the Annual Muster, which is held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. The Orderly Sergeant is responsible for collecting Annual Membership Dues. Checks are to be made payable to the F.I.L.I. The application processing fee and annual dues are subject to increase by order of the Commanding Officer.

Edward R Schowalter III  
Captain, Infantry  
Adjutant

# FAYETTEVILLE INDEPENDENT LIGHT INFANTRY

## UNIFORMS AND AWARDS

Dear Sir,

The Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry has a number of uniforms, which include the following;

- Ball Button Parade Uniform worn by members of the Color Guard
- Dress Blue Uniform, worn by staff officers and first sergeant
- Class B Uniform worn by staff officers and first sergeant
- Scottish Kilted Uniform, worn by all members
- Blazer Uniform, worn by all members

The Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry awards medals and citations, which include the following;

- Bi-Centennial Medal
- Long Service Medal & Devices
- Color Guard Medal & Devices
- Outstanding Unit Citation Ribbon

The wearing of the uniform and awards is done in accordance with unit regulations and the point- of- contact is the First Sergeant. All new members are encouraged to purchase the Blazer Uniform. If a new member is interested in service with the Color Guard, they will need to purchase regulation trousers and shoes. Before a new member makes any uniform purchases, they must coordinate with the First Sergeant to insure that it meets the uniform requirements.

For further information on uniforms and awards, please contact the undersigned.

Kelly Rosser  
1SG, Infantry  
First Sergeant

## F.I.L.I. COLOR GUARD & HONOR GUARD

Dear Sir,

The Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry is North Carolina's official Historic Military Command. In order to carry out our mission we provide a period Color Guard that also acts as an Honor Guard. This function falls under the Color Officer who is assisted by the Color Sergeant. New members are encouraged to volunteer for service in the Color Guard. If selected, new members are issued a distinctive Color Guard lapel pin to be worn on your F.I.L.I. blazer. After three years of continuous duty and upon recommendation of the Color Officer, a member is awarded the Cochran Medal, to be worn on your uniform.

A new member on the Color Guard is required to purchase the regulation white pants and regulation black lace-up low quarter shoes. The F.I.L.I. will provide the uniform ball button coat and shako. At the end of each commitment, all F.I.L.I. uniforms will be turned-in to the Color Officer or Color Sergeant. At no time will any part of the F.I.L.I. uniform be taken home after a commitment.

The Color Guard is the face of the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry, and therefore proper decorum and military discipline is required. Over the years the F.I.L.I. Color Guard has paraded for Presidents, Governors, all levels of elected officials, various military functions, foreign dignitaries, and military societies. Prior military experience is not required.

If you are interested in service with the Color Guard, please see the undersigned.

Link Campbell  
Captain, Infantry  
Color Officer

# FAYETTEVILLE INDEPENDENT LIGHT INFANTRY QUARTERMASTER OPERATIONS

Dear Sir,

The assets, safety, security, feeding and operations in the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Armory are the responsibility of the Quartermaster Officer and Quartermaster Non-Commissioned Officers. The Quartermaster Officer is the primary point-of-contact for groups and organizations requesting use of the Armory. Operation of the "Grand Olde Company Club" falls under the Quartermaster staff. The club is open before and after meetings and on other special occasions for use by our members and guests. New members should coordinate with the Quartermaster in order to determine the requirements for use of the club. The Quartermaster staff is responsible for coordinating meals which are served at our monthly musters. Currently the price for meals at the monthly muster is set at ten dollars and the price for meals at other special events will be announced. The Quartermaster staff works extremely hard in maintaining the physical appearance of the Armory. All members should view the Armory like their own home, by taking pride in it and maintaining it. The Quartermaster at various times in the year will schedule a work detail to clean or accomplish projects, and all members are expected to contribute their time.

For further information on Quartermaster operations, contact the undersigned.

Mike Moose  
Captain, Infantry  
Quartermaster

## FAYETTEVILLE INDEPENDENT LIGHT INFANTRY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,

The Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry, as North Carolina's official Historic Military Command, and the oldest military unit in the South in continuous existence, one of our missions is to provide public education as it relates to the historic role of the citizen soldier. The history of the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry mirrors all the fine qualities of the citizen soldier. The unit museum contains a rich collection of military artifacts which is a valuable asset to our public education program. Members of our historical committee provide public education to thousands of citizens and Soldiers each year. New members are encouraged to become actively involved in the Historical Committee which falls under the Command Historian, and Historical Sergeant. Duties on the Historical Committee range from providing museum tours and briefings, exhibit design, collections management, as well as archives and library management.

For further information on the museum and historical committee, please contact the undersigned.

Craig Harmon  
Captain, Infantry  
Command Historian