

## 27 commands of Von Steuben's Manual Exercise

1. "Poise Firelock" (2 motions, turn & poise)
2. "Cock Firelock" (2 motions turn barrel & cock)
3. "Take Aim"
4. "Fire"
5. thru 13. Reloading a Musket  
½ step forward to ½ cock
5. "Half-cock", 6. "Handle Cartridge", 7. "Prime pan", 8. "Shut Pan",  
9. "Charge with Cartridge", 10. "Draw rammer", 11. "Ram Down Cartridge",  
12. "Return Rammer", (finish with left hand up on stock & right hand under  
the hammer) 13. "Shoulder Firelock". (bring left down to butt and right to  
side)
- Parade Exercise from a shouldered Musket 14. thru 17.
14. "Order Firelock" (lower piece & grab with right hand between rings &  
bring down to shoulder)
15. "Ground Firelock"
16. "Take up Firelock"
17. "Shoulder Firelock"
- Commands 18. & 19. were for protecting the lock during inclement weather
18. "Secure Firelock"
19. "Shoulder Firelock"
20. "Fix Bayonet" (Leave right hand on bayonet after fixing & press to  
shoulder)
21. "Shoulder Firelock" (raise with left and place right hand under hammer  
& then down to right side)
- Commands 22. thru 27 progress across the body
22. "Present Arms" (1) turn lock (2) Lower, foot back
23. "Shoulder Firelock"
24. "Charge Bayonet"
25. "Shoulder Firelock" Push cartridge box back
26. "Advance Arms"
27. "Shoulder Firelock", "unfix bayonet", "shoulder firelock" "order firelock"  
& "rest"