

## Firing Commands for Honor Guard Salutes

All commands are given from the position of shouldered firelock

Command: **“POISE FIRELOCK”** two motions

Command: **“COCK FIRELOCK”** two motions

Command: **“TAKE AIM”**

Command: **“FIRE”**

The Honor Guard assumes the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cock position, the NCO then commands

**“PRIME AND LOAD”**

The following steps are done *WITHOUT* verbal commands

Handle cartridge

Prime pan

Close pan

(When pans are shut-pause and cast about together)

Charge barrel with cartridge

Pull rammer

Ram down cartridge

Return rammer

Shoulder flintlock

When loading is completed you will shoulder your firelock which will indicate to the Honor Guard Commander that you are ready to fire. When all pieces are shouldered the Commander will give the command **“POISE FIRELOCKS”** for the second volley. After the last Volley the Guard will return to the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cock position and the Commander will give the order **“AS YOU WERE” , SHOULDER FLINTLOCKS”**. The Guard will shoulder there flintlocks and retire as ordered.