

Priming and Loading as performed in the firings in Von Steuben's "REGULATIONS"

Performed from the shouldered position

"PRIME AND LOAD"

(From Shoulder to left breast then to priming position & 1/2 cock)

(For school presentations the following commands are verbal)

"Open pan"

"Handle Cartridge"

"Prime pan"

"Shut Pan"

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

"Charge with Cartridge"

"Ram down cartridge"

"Return Rammer"

"Shoulder Firelock"

If rifled muskets are involved the command "FRONT RANK MAKE READY" will be given when all firelocks are shouldered

"FRONT RANK MAKE READY"

(Come to the Recover, bring piece down to left breast and cock)

"TAKE AIM"

"FIRE"

After firing the piece is lowered to the Priming position and 1/2 cocked leaving the hand on the hammer waiting for a command of PRIME & LOAD or AS YOU WERE