

## **Military Instructions for Your Persona**

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In developing your persona I think it is important to understand something about the military of 1805. The basic manual for military organization and drill was still Von Steuben's "Blue Book". The Blue Book continued as the standard until the War of 1812. Besides drill and ceremonies the Blue Book contains instructions for each position/rank within the organization of the field unit. There are instructions for Captains, Sergeants, Privates, etc. I would encourage you to get out your Von Steuben "Drill Manual" and look at the last part of the book, entitled Instructions, to further build upon your persona.