

1ST NORTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS/11TH NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS

GENERAL UNIFORM REGULATIONS

New members joining the 1st North Carolina Volunteers/11th North Carolina Troops will be required to purchase uniforms and equipment conforming to the regiment's regulations. To assist new recruits sorting through the variety of equipment and uniforms, we provide a comprehensive uniform booklet that new members receive upon the acceptance of their application by the Regiment. This booklet includes an illustrated list of the various uniforms, equipment, samples of cloth types/colors, and a list of recommended sutlers where a recruit can purchase their equipment with confidence. This page provides you with a general overview of our uniform regulations. We strongly recommend that a new recruit talk to more experienced members of the Regiment before making a purchase, and if possible, take a member with him when purchasing equipment and uniforms at major events. There is nothing more frustrating than to purchase something only to discover that you have bought the wrong style for use in the unit. (uniform revisions will supercede any item listed below)

GENERAL USE ITEMS

Jefferson Booties (brogans)

Socks - Wool or 100% cotton (proper type, NO colored bands, etc)

Suspenders - white, linen, pillow ticking, etc. (No slide adjusters or elastic materials)

Shirt – white muslin, cotton, linen, checks, stripes, plaids, plain colored

Musket – 3 band Musket and proper bayonet. Either Enfield M1853, Springfield M1861, or earlier style 3 band musket

Cartridge box and shoulder strap, type I. Either black leather or tarred canvas

Cap pouch, Either black leather or tarred canvas

Scabbard & Frog - black leather, British Enfield style (for Enfield musket) **OR** U.S. scabbard & belt frog (for Springfield musket)

Haversack – white linen or black tarred canvas

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Kepi – Gray mixed wool, low crown French design, no trim or bugles, only a brass #1 on top

Frock Coat - Gray mixed wool, single breasted, 7 button front with US eagle or state seal buttons, no trim

Trousers – federal issue dark blue wool

Belt & buckle – white buff leather with plain brass of inverted U.S. oval buckle

Cartridge box and shoulder strap, type I, white buff leather strap with inverted eagle breast plate on strap and black leather box

Canteen – type manufactured prior to 1861, (ex. smoothside with dark blue wool cover)

Back Pack – Black early war design soft or hard pack, with rolled gray blanket on top

(1st NC Volunteer uniforms are to be clean and in good order for each event in which they will be used.)

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Forage cap or slouch hat – NC manufactured cloth (gray jeans cloth), no trim, OR a civilian style period hat:
(plug, sugar loaf, wheel hat, or planter)

N.C. Issue shell jacket - NC manufactured cloth (gray jeans cloth) with brass state seal or NC sunburst buttons, no trim. Must be correct pattern. See an Office or Inspector
General for best current production source

Trousers - NC manufactured cloth (jeans cloth), gray or brown color, civilian pants of wool or jeans in shades of brown, tan, and gray are optional for field use, No Federal Sky Blue

Haversack – any proper period type or design

Canteen – any pattern or style from 1861-1865 such as: tin round drum, wooden drum style, tin smooth side with wool cover, with canvas or leather sling

waist belt & buckle –black leather or tarred canvas with roller or frame buckle. (No NC or CS ovals)

Blanket roll – mule collar; gray, tan, brown, or blue wool blanket (no quilts)

All uniforms and equipment are to be kept in good, serviceable condition.

SUGGESTED, OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Poncho/gum blanket – Must be of proper material and design

Greatcoat - Either Gray or Federal sky blue, must be of proper material and design,

Tentage – “A” frame or dog tent / shelter halves are permitted (no wall tents)

The Inspector General and uniform committee will be responsible for seeing that all new members are outfitted properly. The Inspector General has the final say on what meets regimental uniform standards.

It is suggested that new members purchase their general use items first, beginning with the brogans, followed by the uniform of the 11th NC Troops and finally the uniform of the 1st NC Vols. The reason for this is that the early war militia uniform will become dirty and tattered after a year’s campaigning in the field. New members will be allowed to use their 11th NC Troops uniform for all events for one year.

New members will have 18 months to obtain all items needed for both uniforms. This time frame consists of their 12 month probationary period plus another 6 months as a full member. If a member is not sure if an item that they are considering purchasing will meet regulations, they should contact the Inspector General before completing the purchase. Any item not meeting regulations will not be allowed at regimental events.

SUTLERS

It is highly recommended that new members purchase their uniforms and equipment from a reputable sutler. There are a growing number of individuals and smaller sutlers that specialize in specific uniforms and equipment. By talking to experienced members of the regiment, you can draw some conclusions of who may best suit your individual needs. Again, please consult with the IG should a specific question arise regarding uniforms and equipment. The following sutlers and period clothing manufacturers are recommended by the regiment:

Fair Oaks Sutler

Dennis D. Boettcher, Proprietor
9905 Kershaw Ct.
Spotsylvania, VA 22553
540-972-7744 (noon to 9:00)
weapons, accouterments, some uniforms
www.fairoakssutler.com

Levi Ledbetter, Sutler

Frank Lanning, Proprietor,
7032 Mineral Springs Rd.
Oakboro, NC 28129
704-485-4746(after 7:00 PM)
“authentic sutler”, accessories, hats,
weapons, accouterments
leviledbetter.com/

Susan Wiles

1001 Fox Hunt Ln, Apt F
Raleigh, NC 27615
(919) 870-5083
ANVBelle@aol.com
Authentic uniforms, leather goods

Hertiage Leathers

108 Lesbelle Dr.
Middlesex, NC 27557
919-269-7088
leather accouterments,
www.heritageleathercw.com

C & D Jarnigan

P.O. Box 1860
Corinth, MS 38834
601-287-4977
knapsacks, federal trousers, some tin items
www.jarnaginco.com/

Confederate Yankee

P.O. Box 192
Guilford, CT. 06437
203-453-9900
uniforms, period accessories

Robert Land

3909 Witmer Rd.
Niagara Falls, NY 14305
(519) 836-6868
shoes, boots
rlandfootwear@rogers.com

Dirty Billy’s Hats

757 Middleburg Rd.
Detour, MD 21757
(410) 775-1865
period hats & caps
www.dirtybillyshats.com

Ma Cole’s Shirts

600 Oak Valley Farm Rd.
Coats, NC 27521
(910) 897-6344
shirts & uniforms
nc_reb@yahoo.com