

Federal Army Uniform Guidelines for the 160th Chickamauga Campaign

As reenactors and living historians we strive to achieve the highest standards of uniform dress while representing our history and ancestors with honor at every opportunity. At the 160th Chickamauga Campaign event we highly encourage every participant to adhere to authentic impressions as it relates to uniforms as well as camp decorum. Personal kit variations will be considered by the Battalion Commanders and are subject to their judgement in coordination with the General Staff if necessary.

The majority of the Federal Army at Chickamauga was comprised of “Western Federals”. Some US Regulars were present under General John H. King. That impression has been assigned to a specific battalion. Therefore all other impressions should adhere to the “Western Federal” uniform guidelines:

Covers: Hardee hat (preferred), Forage cap, Slouch hat

Rank and file coats and trousers: Four button sack coats preferred, frock coats as appropriate for NCOs; trousers of light blue kersey wool

Footwear: period appropriate brogans or boots

Eyewear: period appropriate please

Accoutrements for Infantry: Haversack, waist belt with cap box, bayonet and scabbard, shoulder strap with cartridge box (including tins), canteen, knapsacks and blankets may also be worn as part of the field kit.

Brass: Cartridge box and breast plates. Minimize other brass depending on portrayal.

Corps Badges: As Battalion designations evolve there will be an opportunity for individual Battalions and Companies to customize their impression.

Weapons: For infantry, side arms can be carried by NCOs and Officers only. No sheathed or unsheathed knives. Muskets will generally be three band muskets of .58 or .69 caliber. For Cavalry, generally Spencers, Henrys and side arms (dismounted and mounted cavalry). Variations subject to the Battalion Commanders approval and all weapons must be inspected and deemed safe prior to each battle or the weapon will not be allowed on the field.

Cavalry and Artillery: Units should adhere to the impression their batteries and troopers they portray.

We want to attain the highest level of authenticity possible and strive to have the event experience be one everyone will remember and reminisce about around the campfire for years to come. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

