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Headgear - Officer

Preferred:

- Kepi - with or without rank braiding
- Hardee Hat - trimmings are optional (fully dressed hats may be worn for Friday's battle "July 1st" if your unit is selected as portraying the Iron Brigade)

Acceptable:

- Forage Cap
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Notes on Hats:

- *J.B. Stetson did not start manufacturing hats until 1865 and even then, they did not look like the modern cowboy hat of today.*
- *While hat brass was worn at this time, it has become standard in reenacting to amalgamate companies to provide proper field strength, so we ask that if you have a hat without your company designation on it, please bring that.*
- *Try to stay away from slouch hats that have the brim sewn over on itself, these are not authentic.*

Coat/ Jacket/ Blouse - Enlisted

Preferred:

- Infantry:
 - Standard US Issue Four Button Sack Coat or Fatigue Blouse -
(There are original photos from this time and extant examples of "field-altered" coats that have an exterior pocket, extra buttons, or a shortened waist. These are perfectly authentic for 1863)
 - Standard US Issue Frock Coat/ Dress Coat, Nine button front, piping on collar and cuffs in sky blue
- Cavalry:
 - Mounted Shell Jacket - properly trimmed in yellow worsted wool taping on cuffs, collar and piping on back seams with "pillows"