

Union Impression Guidelines

“The Rascals Have Been Expecting Us” at Renfrew Museum and Park

All items should be of good quality and standards should be of utmost authenticity.

Headwear:

-Civilian wide-brimmed, as pictured & worn by the original cast preferred

-Type 1 & 2 Forage Caps preferred

-IN LIMITED NUMBERS: Undressed M1858 Hardee. Please contact myself privately before bringing this.

****NOTE:** Although the units most appealing feature appears on headgear (the Bucktail,) not all wore them. There should be a healthy mix of both headgear with, and without, Bucktails. Any civilian headgear should be without hat brass (occasional blue disc corps badge wool acceptable-- NO metal or "gambling chip" corps badges,) and Forage Caps should sport a "149" and/or "C"--- NO infantry insignias (see "Original Cast" album for details on why!)

Jackets:

-Frock Coat Preferred! If you have it, please wear it.

-Fatigue Blouse (Sack Coat,) or private purchase, accepted (Schuylkill Arsenal preferred)

****NOTE:** NCOs (as chosen by event staff) should wear appropriate pantstripe & subdued Chevrons of black/navy velvet, as pictured by the original cast.

Shirts & Drawers:

-Standard Issue Preferred

-Civilian Drawers/Homespun shirts of quality accepted

Trousers:

-Federal Trousers, Schuylkill Arsenal contract preferred

-Federal Trousers of other contracts accepted

Footwear:

-Jefferson "bootees" (brogans) preferred

-Infantry-styled private purchase boots, in limited numbers. No camp shoes.

Leathers:

-Standard issue US belt w/ cap pouch & 2-rivet bayonet preferred

-Cartridge box w/ sling & breastplate preferred

-Philadelphia '62 bullseye canteens w/ cloth strap preferred, other styles of federal canteens accepted

-Standard issue black tarred haversack

Tentage:

-US issued blanket preferred

-homespun coverlets/blankets of quality accepted

-US issue gum blankets preferred

-Type 2 Shelter Half, no canvas or other styles of Shelter Halves accepted

-Blanket Roll

-Standard issue knapsack

Arms:

-1853 Enfields preferred

-1861 & 63 Springfields accepted in limited numbers

-All other styles of 3-band rifles accepted

****NOTE:** no Sharps rifles, 2-bander zouave rifles, Lorenzes

Included are some impression photos from our group, [149th Pennsylvania Bucktails Volunteer Infantry](#) sporting the preferred gear as mentioned above. Should you wish to compare w/ the original cast, feel free to check out "The Original Cast" album.

We also have a PLETHORA of loaner gear and could probably kit out half a dozen folks (rifles included.) Please do not hesitate to reach out if interested or in need of kit!

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