

First Maryland



Volunteer Infantry U.S.

Thank you for your interest in the First Maryland Volunteer Infantry regiment. The First Maryland is a representation of an actual northern combat unit that saw action during the Civil War. As a member of the First Maryland you will find we have much to offer, both in meeting new friends and in conveying to the public an accurate impression of the Civil War.

The First Maryland is a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Maryland. An executive board consisting of five officers, elected annually, conducts the general business of the Regiment. In the field, the Regiment is under the direction of the field officers and NCOs, who are also elected to those positions.

The First Maryland holds membership, along with many other similar organizations, in the National Regiment. At large reenactments we are thus able to portray a full size battalion, under the command of officers and staff, drawn from the N.R. member organizations.

Again, thank you for your interest in the First Maryland. If you have any questions, email us at firstmdus@comcast.net

Respectfully,

Tim Boyd
President

The First Maryland Infantry Regiment Volunteers



Getting Started In Civil War Reenacting

The big questions facing you as you decide to join a reenacting group are most likely: What equipment do I need? How much does it cost? Where do I get it? Here is a list of the essentials you will need to accurately portray a federal private in the First Maryland. However, before making any purchases, large or small, check first with a member of the unit for a list of acceptable sutlers. This may prevent you from making a costly mistake! The items below constitute your basic kit and would allow you to participate in all of our events. As you grow in the hobby you may wish to add other items to your impression as well.

Basic Kit:

Clothing

Four-button sack coat and/or Infantry Frock Coat: The basic dark blue woolen blouse of the soldier.

Kersey trousers: Sky-blue colored woolen pants. Braces (suspenders) are also recommended.

Forage cap: Also known as a “bummer” cap (NOT A KEPI) a cap of the same dark colored wool as the coat. If unsure of the difference between a Kepi and a Forage cap, please ask. Quality counts.

Shirt: A white, gray, red, or patterned flannel or cotton, period style shirt.

Shoes: The “Jefferson Brogan”, a square-toed shoe

Socks: Woolen or cotton period style

Accouterments (leathers)

Waist belt and plate (buckle): A black leather Federal infantry pattern belt is used as a place to fasten your cap pouch and bayonet scabbard.

Cartridge box & Plate: The cartridge box with metal compartments, holds your cartridges (ammunition). The covering flap of the cartridge box has an oval brass "US" plate affixed to it. The Box style should match your weapon

Cap pouch: The cap pouch stores the percussion caps needed to fire your rifle-musket

Cartridge box sling and breast plate: Your cartridge box is carried on the sling. The breast plate is affixed to the leather sling and should be centered on the sling in a position in the center of your breast as the sling crosses over from the left shoulder to your right hip.

Weapon

Three-band musket: A .58 or .69 caliber reproduction or original (1853) Enfield, (1861, 1863) Colt, (1842, 1861, 1863) Springfield, (1842) Harpers Ferry percussion, rifled or smooth bore, or (1854) Lorenz unconverted period firearm.

Bayonet: A triangular (or Lorenz 4 sided) steel blade with socket and locking ring for attaching to the end of your musket. Note: match bayonet to rifle to ensure fit.

Scabbard: leather sleeve that attaches your bayonet to your waist belt when not in use. Acquire scabbard that matches your gun.

Personal Items

Canteen: Oval period canteen with a light blue wool or jean cloth cover

Haversack: Your food bag. It is made of black tarred or rubberized cloth

Tin plate or canteen half: For cooking and eating

Tin mucket or cup: For drinking and cooking

Knife/fork/spoon: Period style

Other Items (generally don't need at start):

Blanket: US issue - wool

Gum Blanket/poncho: tarred ground cloth used as a water barrier and/or rain gear

Dog Tent: also referred to as a shelter half. Made of white canvas.

Overcoat: Infantry pattern, light blue

Dark Blue pants: woolen Kersey

Artillery Frock coat: Heavy Artillery pattern dark blue with red trim

Backpack



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Membership Application

** This information may also be submitted via email to: **

firstmdus@comcast.net

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Date of Birth _____

Occupation _____

Signature _____ Date _____